



VMRG Newsletter - Summer 2017

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World's Greatest Trail Rescue | Eagle River Raft Rescue | VMRG Search Dog Training

## WORLD'S GREATEST TRAIL RESCUE



Just after 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, Vail Mountain Rescue Group dispatched four rescuers to assist personnel from the Greater Eagle Fire Protection District, Eagle County Paramedic Services, and the Eagle County Sheriff's Office with the evacuation of a mountain biker who had broken her leg on the remote World's Greatest trail in Eagle, Colorado. After driving halfway up the trail with an ATV and UTV, the VMRG rescuers hiked up to the accident site with a wheeled rescue litter. Once the cyclist was stabilized and packaged in the litter, the multi-agency team of rescuers wheeled the patient down the trail, then loaded the litter onto a UTV that transported the patient to an ambulance waiting at the trailhead. All rescuers were safely out of the field by 7 p.m. Thanks to Vail Dispatch, the Greater Eagle Fire District, Eagle County Paramedic Services, Eagle County Sheriff's Office, and the members of Vail Mountain Rescue Group who participated in this rescue.

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## EAGLE RIVER RAFT RESCUE



At 1:45 p.m. on May 13, Vail Mountain Rescue Group dispatched a team of three swift water rescue technicians to assist Eagle River Fire Protection District first responders with the rescue of four parties on a raft pinned on a rock in the middle of the Eagle River behind the Riverwalk Center in Edwards. After rigging a rope extraction system, VMRG team members and fire personnel safely evacuated three of the rafters, then dislodged the raft from the rock and guided it and the last occupant safely to shore. All parties were out of the water by 3 p.m. Other than being wet and cold, none of the rafters were injured. Thanks to personnel from Eagle River Fire Protection District, Eagle County Sheriff's Office, Eagle County Paramedic Services, Vail Public Safety Communications Center, and the members of Vail Mountain Rescue Group.

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## VMRG SEARCH DOG TRAINING



In preparation for July certification tests, VMRG K9 Digger and his handler search for a hidden subject in a joint practice session with Douglas County Search and Rescue K9 teams on June 14 at the 105-acre Spring Gulch Equestrian Area in Highlands Ranch.

On June 16-18, Vail Mountain Rescue Group hosted an urban trailing workshop attended by search and rescue canine teams from across the state, led by John Salem, a retired police officer and bloodhound handler who is an instructor at the Georgia K9 National Training Center.

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**If you are lost or injured, don't hesitate  
Call 911 without delay**

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