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## **CCSAR responds to the call**

### **Four emergencies in one day for central Cariboo volunteers**

*Central Cariboo* – Central Cariboo Search & Rescue's (CCSAR) resources and volunteers were put to the test on Saturday, June 26, 2010. The first call of the day came at 7:00 am for the auto extrication team to attend a single motor vehicle incident north of Williams Lake.

Later that day, a call was received from the Emergency Co-ordination Centre (ECC) in Victoria advising that a boat had overturned on the Quesnel River; four people had made it to shore but a fifth was last seen floating down the river wearing a lifejacket. Central Cariboo Search & Rescue members were able to locate the victim from the air in a helicopter and direct members in a river boat to the scene.

While the Quesnel River rescue was underway, a third call was received from the ECC advising that there were five people stranded on a small island on Horsefly River. With darkness looming, CCSAR members were dispatched in a second helicopter prepared to drop overnight supplies. The individuals were successfully air lifted to shore just before darkness.

As CCSAR members were wrapping up at the Horsefly River incident, a fourth request for help was received. This call was for a missing ATV rider near Big Lake. The team en route back from the second task attended the scene and were interviewing the family when the missing ATV rider found her way back safe and sound.

If you are interested in becoming a CCSAR volunteer or wish to receive more information about the organization, please contact Allen Schaad at 250-305-1189.

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