

# Maine Search and Rescue Dogs

## 2006 Annual Report

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MESARD currently has 18 members, one trainee member and 18 certified dogs. All handlers are ground searcher certified through the Maine Association of Search and Rescue. MESARD was called to 27 searches throughout Maine in 2006 and fielded teams in 25 searches.

### Searches

January 20-21: Palermo

Callout at approximately 11:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing woman in her 20's and her two infant daughters. Subjects were located the next morning by aircraft and ground searches.

Responding Teams: Beth, Bruce, Chip, Cindy, Deb, Michele, Paul and Spencer

Fielded Teams: Bruce, Chip, Cindy, Deb, Michele, Paul and Spencer

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 40/791

April 16: Franklin

Callout at approximately 1:30 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 5-year-old girl. Subject was located by a neighbor just minutes after the callout.

Responding Teams: Deb

Fielded Teams: None

May 13: Presque Isle

Pre-planned search by the Maine Warden Service for a 42-year-old woman missing since October of 2005. Subject was not located.

Responding Teams: Bruce, Chip, Cindy, Irene, Jennifer R., John, Leslie, Paul, Spencer, Troy

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 260/3632

June 29: Caratunk

Pre-planned evidence search for State Police CID. No items were located.

Responding Teams: Deb, Jennifer R.

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 12/274

July 1: Brooksville

Local callout at approximately 7:45 am by Brooksville Fire Department for a missing despondent man in his 40's. Subject was located that morning by Troy and his K9 Sorcha.

Responding Teams: Chip, Deb, Irene, Jennifer R., Troy

Fielded Teams: Chip, Irene, Troy

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 8/70

July 3-4: Warren

Callout at approximately 9:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 2 ½-year-old girl. Subject was located by a neighbor the next morning.

Responding Teams: Bruce, Cindy, Deb, Irene, Jennifer R., Kelly, Leslie, Paul, Stacey, Troy

Fielded Teams: All but Kelly

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 118/1117

July 18-20: Augusta

Callout at approximately 2:30 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a 27-year-old man missing for three days. Subject was located by ground searchers.

Responding Teams: Bruce, Jennifer F., Jennifer R., John, Kelly, Paul, Spencer

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 87/1239

July 20: Amherst

Callout at approximately 10:30 am by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 45-year-old despondent woman. Subject called in from a friend's house later that morning.

Responding Teams: Chip, Deb, Jennifer F., Kelly.

Fielded Teams: Deb

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 4/95

August 3: Hartland

Local callout by the Maine Warden Service for two missing boys. Subjects located prior to team's arrival.

Responding teams: Paul

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 0.75/15

August 26: Presque Isle

Second pre-planned search for 42-year-old woman missing since October of 2005. Subject was not located.

Responding Teams: Cindy, Deb, Jennifer R., John, Leslie, Michele,

Spencer

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 160/1454

August 31: Hudson

Callout at approximately 4:30 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 69-year-old man with medical issues. Subject located by law enforcement on Route 15 in the early evening.

Responding Teams: Deb, Irene, Jennifer R., Paul, Troy

Fielded teams: Deb

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 5.5/151

September 16: Canaan

Pre-planned search by the Maine Warden Service and the Maine State Police for a woman missing since July. Subject was not located.

Responding Teams: Chip, Deb, Irene, Jennifer R., John, Leslie, Michele, Paul, Spencer, Stacey, Troy

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 106/1592

September 18-19: Rockwood

Callout at approximately 4:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 58-year-old man with medical issues. Subject located by law enforcement in Farmington.

Responding Teams: Cindy, Irene, Jennifer R., John, Paul, Spencer, Troy

Fielded Teams: All but Spencer

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 130/1728

September 24: Baxter State Park

Callout at approximately 11:30 am by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 34-year-old despondent man. Deceased subject located that evening by John and his K9 Jodie.

Responding Teams: Cindy, Deb, John, Paul

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 34/884

October 9: Hampden

Callout at approximately 11:45 am by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 43-year-old man with medical issues. Subject was located by a Warden Service K9 team at approximately 1:30 pm.

Responding Teams: Cindy, Jennifer R., Paul

No teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 7/192

October 20: Otis

Callout at approximately 9:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a 60-year-old missing hunter. Subject was located by voice contact by Wardens shortly after 10:00 pm.

Responding Teams: Deb, Jennifer F., Jennifer R., Kelly, Leslie

No teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours /Miles: 6/159

October 20-21: Orland

Callout at approximately 9:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a runaway 15-year-old boy. Subject returned home at approximately 6:00 am on the 21st.

Responding Teams: Chip, Deb, Jennifer R., Julie, Paul

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 25/414

October 24-25: Phippsburg

Callout at approximately 10:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 55-year-old mentally challenged man. Subject was located by ground searchers at approximately 6:30 am.

Responding Teams: John, Kelly, Paul, Spencer

Teams Fielded: Paul, Spencer

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 33/898

October 26-27: Auburn

Callout at approximately 8:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 34-year-old despondent woman. Subject was located by voice contact by Wardens at approximately 4:30 am.

Responding Teams: Cindy, Jennifer R., Leslie, Paul, Stacey

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 53/1000

November 7-8: Sullivan

Callout at approximately 9:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a 26-year-old missing hunter. Subject was located by voice contact by Wardens shortly after midnight.

Responding Teams: Deb, Leslie, Kelly

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 6/80

November 9-10: Buxton

Callout at approximately 4:30 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 15-year-old girl. This was the first of several searches along

the Saco River, on land and by boat, by MESARD teams. The subject has not been located.

Responding: Beth, Deb, Irene, Jennifer F., Kelly, Leslie, Nancy, Spencer, Stacey, Troy

All teams were fielded except Beth

November 19: Spencer assisted the FBI

November 20: Cindy, Nancy & Stacey

November 29: Cindy & Nancy

December 2: Cindy, Deb, Nancy, Spencer & Stacey

December 9: Cindy, Jennifer R., Nancy, Stacey

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 195/3118

November 18: Wellington

Callout at approximately 1:00 am by the Maine Warden Service for a 71-year-old missing hunter with medical issues. Subject was located by a neighbor at approximately 6:00 am.

Responding Teams: John, Paul

Teams Fielded: Paul

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 12/274

November 22-23: Greenville

Callout at approximately 6:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a 73-year-old man with Alzheimer's. Subject was located at approximately 7:00 am by Deb and her K9 Alex.

Responding Teams: Deb, John, Leslie, Paul, Spencer

All teams were fielded

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 45/812

December 4: South Gardiner

Callout at approximately 9:30 am by the Maine Warden Service for missing 11-year-old boy and 3-year-old girl. Subjects were located at approximately 11:30 am by Warden aircraft in a boat on the Kennebec River.

Responding Teams: Cindy, Jennifer F., John, Kelly, Leslie, Nancy, Spencer

Teams Fielded: Spencer

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 26/781

December 11-12: West Bridgeton

Callout at approximately 8:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 94-year-old man. Subject was located by voice contact at approximately 12:30 am by Spencer and his K9 Gabe with Cindy as flanker.

Responding Teams: Cindy, Spencer, Stacey

All teams were fielded  
Volunteer Hours/Miles: 19/382

December 20: Greenbush

Callout at approximately 7:00 pm by the Maine Warden Service for a missing 60-year-despondent man. Subject was located at approximately 9:30 pm at a local hospital.

Responding Teams: Deb, Jennifer R., John

Fielded Teams: Jennifer R.

Volunteer Hours/Miles: 9/283

MESARD Total Hours Searching for 2006: 1402

MESARD Total Miles for 2006: 21,435

MESARD members also volunteered 71.5 hours and 765 miles to participate in K-9 demonstrations and public speaking engagements.