



***Humboldt County, Nevada  
Sheriff's Office  
Ed Kilgore, Sheriff***

***PRESS RELEASE***

**DATE:** October 7, 2009

**LOCATION:** Buttermilk Springs Area of Humboldt County

**DETAILS:** At approximately 11:50 AM on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, The Humboldt County Sheriff's Dispatch Center received a call from a hunter who wanted to report his friend, and fellow hunter, as lost. This individual, who was from Reno, advised that he and his friend were hunting in the area of Buttermilk Springs, north of Paradise Valley. He said that they split up to hunt separately at about 5:30 AM on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Apparently they made an arrangement to meet up again later that day at a pre-arranged location. The time for the meet arrived and his friend did not show up. Being extremely concerned for his friend's welfare, after a full night had passed; he hiked down to a ranch and called the Sheriff's Office for help.

Upon receiving the call, Humboldt County Sheriff Sergeant Lee Dove responded to the ranch and met with the hunter. Based on the story that Dove was told, Sheriff Kilgore called for a full activation of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit.

Search and Rescue Director Tom Casey utilized both a fixed wing member of his team, as well as ground search teams to look for the missing man. The ground team first back tracked to the hunter's camp, where they found the hunter sitting. Upon meeting with him, he told the Search and Rescue team that he had become lost while on the mountain and then the fog settled in on him. He was able to make a small fire to keep himself warm during the night. The following day, Tuesday, he continued to have some difficulty locating his camp, but eventually was able to find it at around 3 PM. He then decided to stay at the camp and wait for his friend to return.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team is composed of seventy members who train several times a year for potential incidents such as this. They are an all volunteer unit, and provide all of their own equipment. They are required to be equipped to stay in the field for 48 hours at a time during a search operation. The unit has two pilots, a mounted horse team, an ATV squadron, and a Jeep team.

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