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Annual statistics, 1959-2007, of the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland, with Area Reports, Incident Reports, call out lists and related correspondence submitted by civilian mountain rescue teams, police, coastguards, RAF and others.

The Mountain Rescue Committee was formed in 1936 by members of mountaineering clubs in England and Scotland with the co-operation of other bodies such as the Police. The Committee established the first chain of volunteer mountain rescue teams in Britain. The Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland was formed in 1964 and is the representative and liaison body for Scottish Mountain search and rescue activities. Whilst the primary role of the affiliated volunteer rescue organisations is search and rescue in mountainous terrain, their role extends to providing help to any person/s in need of assistance in all forms of inhospitable terrain or circumstances or civil emergency, either as an independent unit, or in conjunction with the other emergency services.

The MRCS Accident Report Officer or Statistician collates and analyses information on mountain and non-mountaineering incidents in Scotland that require assistance from the emergency services. The Statistician's annual report of 'Scottish Mountain Accidents' listing each and every incident reported to him provides a comprehensive source of information on Scottish mountain and other rescues, covering a range of aspects from injuries, weather conditions, location, contributory causes, types of injury and emergency services involved. Up to 2001 the reports were published annually in the *Journal of the Scottish Mountaineering Club*.

The original chronological arrangement of the papers, grouped by year, and within that by Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports by Region or reporting organisation (e.g. police force, coastguard etc.), has been retained. The geographical divisions are those used in the Scottish Mountaineering Club's *District Guidebooks*. Correspondence received with the Area Accident Lists and Incident Report has been left in place. From most years between 1979 and 1999 Incident Reports submitted by the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team were filed together rather than with others submitted for the Region. They have been left in their original folders and placed with the other reports for the year. SARDA [Search and Rescue Dog Association Scotland Call Out Reports] have been filed separately.

Many of the early reports take the form of letters or notes sent to Ben Humble, the mountaineer and author, and first MRCS statistician. Later reports are usually entered on printed forms referred to variously as 'Accident Reports', 'Search/Accident/Fatality Reports' or 'Incident Reports'. Incidents reported between 1983 and 2001 are recorded on floppy discs. From 2002 reports a growing number of reports have been submitted electronically. They feature in the Annual 'Summary Reports' of Incidents compiled by the MRCS Statistician, but are not included in the files of Incident Reports submitted to him.

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**1-118 Annual Statistics and Accident/Incident Reports**  
**119 Printed material**

- 1-118 Drafts, notes and tables of Annual Statistics of Scottish Mountain Accidents, area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1959-2007, with related correspondence.**
- 1 Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1959-1964. With typescript of an article by Ben H. Humble, 'What does Mountain Rescue Cost?' undated
  - 2 Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1965
  - 3 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1966
  - 4 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1967
  - 5 Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1968
  - 6 Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1969
  - 7 Annual Accident Survey and Accident Reports, 1970
  - 8 Annual Accident Survey and Accident Reports, 1971
  - 9 Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1972
  - 10 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1973
  - 11 Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1974
  - 12 Area Accident Lists, 1975
  - 13 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and one Accident Report, 1976
  - 14 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1977
  - 15 Area Accident Lists and Accident Reports, 1978
  - 16 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Incident Reports, 1979
  - 17 Annual Accident Survey, and Incident Reports, 1980
  - 18 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, 1980

- 19 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Incident Reports, 1981
- 20 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Incident Reports, 1982
- 21 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and statistician's correspondence, 1983-1989
- 22 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Incident Reports, 1983
- 23 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Incident Reports, 1984
- 24 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Incident Reports, 1985
- 25 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team Incident Reports, 1986
- 26-27 1987
- 26 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, Incident Reports of the Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye) and Southern Uplands Regions
- 27 Incident Reports of the Grampian, Other Central Highlands, Glencoe, Northern Highlands Regions and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 28-29 1988
- 28 Area Accident Lists, Incident reports of the Northern Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis, Glencoe, Other Central Highlands and Cairngorms Regions
- 29 Incident reports of the Cairngorm, Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands and Southern Uplands Regions and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 30-31 1989
- 30 Incident reports, Regions 1-5: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis, Glencoe and Other Central Highlands
- 31 Area Accident Lists and Incident reports, Regions 6-9: Cairngorms, Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and Other Central Highlands regions and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team

- 32 Area Accident Lists and Incident reports of police, helicopter and coastguard rescues, 1989-1991
- 33-36 1990
- 33 Annual Accident Survey and Area Accident Lists
- 34 Incident reports of the Glencoe, Skye, Southern Highlands and Cairngorms Regions
- 35 Incident reports of the Western Highlands, Northern Highlands, Southern Uplands and Islands Regions
- 36 Incident reports of the Other Central Highlands and Ben Nevis Regions, and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 37-40 1991
- 37 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists, and Incident reports of Regions 1-4: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis and Glencoe
- 38 Area Accident lists and Incident Reports of Regions 5-6: Other Central Highlands and Cairngorms
- 39 Incident reports of Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and Northern Uplands Regions and non-mountaineering incidents
- 40 Incident Reports of the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 41-44 1992
- 41 Annual Accident Survey and Accident Lists
- 42 Incident reports of the Northern Highlands, Western Highlands and Ben Nevis Regions
- 43 Incident reports of the Southern Highlands, Glencoe and Other Central Highlands Regions
- 44 Incident reports of the Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and Cairngorm Regions, non-mountaineering incidents and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 45-49 1993
- 45 Annual Accident Survey and Accident Lists
- 46 Incident Reports of the North Highlands, Western Highlands, and Ben Nevis Regions
- 47 Incident Reports of the Glencoe and Other Central Highlands Regions
- 48 Incident Reports of the Cairngorms and Southern Highlands Regions and coastguard incidents
- 49 Incident Reports of the Skye, Islands other than Skye, Southern Uplands Regions and non-mountaineering incidents and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team

- 50-53 1994
- 50 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 1-3: North Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis and Glencoe
  - 51 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 4-5: Glencoe and Other Central Highlands
  - 52 Incident Reports, Regions 6-11: Cairngorms, Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and non-mountaineering incidents
  - 53 Incident Reports of Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 54-58 1995
- 54 Area Accident Reports
  - 55 Incident Reports, Regions 1-4: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis and Glencoe
  - 56 Incident Reports, Regions 5-6: Other Central Highlands, Cairngorms
  - 57 Incident Reports, Regions 7-11: Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and non-mountaineering incidents
  - 58 Incident Reports for Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 59-61 1996
- 59 Incident Reports, Regions 1-4: North Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis and Glencoe
  - 60 Incident Reports, Regions 5-6: Other Central Highlands and Cairngorms
  - 61 Incident Reports, Regions 7-11: Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands, and non-mountaineering incidents
- 62-64 1997
- 62 Area Accidents Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 1-4: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis and Glencoe
  - 63 Area Accidents Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 5-6: Other Central Highlands and Cairngorms
  - 64 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 7-11: Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and non-mountaineering incidents
- 65-67 1998
- 65 Area Accidents Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 1- 5: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands, Ben Nevis, Glencoe and Other Central Highlands
  - 66 Incident Reports, Regions 6-7: Cairngorms and Southern Highlands

- 67 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 8-11: Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and non-mountaineering incidents and Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 68-71 1999
- 68 Incident Reports, Regions 1-3: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands and Ben Nevis and Coastguard Incident Reports
- 69 Incident Reports, Regions: 4- : Glencoe, Other Central Highlands and Cairngorms
- 70 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 7-11: Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands, and non-mountaineering incidents
- 71 Incident Reports of Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 72-75 2000
- 72 Letters from Incident Reporters
- 73 Annual Accident Survey, Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 1-3: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands and Ben Nevis
- 74 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 4-5: Glencoe and Other Central Highlands
- 75 Area Accident List and Incident Reports, Region 6: Cairngorms
- 76 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, Regions 7-11: Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye), Southern Uplands and non-mountaineering incidents
- 76-80 2001
- 76 Annual Accident Survey
- 77 Area Accident Surveys and Incident Reports, Regions 1-3: Northern Highlands, Western Highlands and Ben Nevis
- 78 Incident Reports, Regions 4-5: Glencoe, Other Central Highlands,
- 79 Incident Reports, Region 6: Cairngorms
- 80 Incident Reports, Region 7-9: Southern Highlands, Skye, Islands (other than Skye)
- 80-84 2002
- 80 Summaries of Incident Reports of all Regions
- 82-84 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports of all Regions
- 82 Jan–May
- 83 Jun–Sep
- 84 Oct–Dec
- 85-90 2003
- 85 Summaries of Incident Reports of all Regions
- 86-88 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports of all Regions

- 86 Jan-Mar
- 87 Apr-Jun
- 88 Jul-Sep
- 89 Oct-Dec
- 90 Press-cuttings relating to Mountain Rescue Teams and call-outs
- 91-97 2004
  - 91-92 Summaries of Incident Reports of all Regions
    - 91 Jan-Jun
    - 92 Jul-Dec
  - 93 Area Accident Lists
  - 94-97 Incident Reports of all Regions
    - 94 Jan-Apr
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    - 97 Sept-Dec
- 98-102 2005
  - 98-99 Summaries of Incident Reports of all Regions
    - 97 Jan-Jun
    - 98 Jul-Dec
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  - 100-102 Incident Reports of all Regions
    - 101 Jan-May
    - 102 Jun-Dec
- 103-108 2006
  - 103 Annual Survey and Area Accident Lists
  - 104-108 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports
    - 104 Summary Incident Reports
    - 105 Cairngorms, Skye, Kintail and Glenelg, Grampian Police
    - 106 Torridon, Lomond, Aberdeen, SARDA, RAF Leuchars, RAF Kinloss, Tayside Police, Strathclyde Police
    - 107 Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue Team
    - 108 Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team
- 109 Folder of Incident Reports and summaries submitted late, 2002-2006
- 110 Floppy discs of Accident Reports and Incident Reports, 1989-2001(57)
- 111-118 Area Accident Lists and Incident Reports, 2007



- 111 Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team, Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team, Glenelg Mountain Rescue Team, Glenmore Lodge Mountain Rescue Team, Lochaber, Northern Constabulary, Oban
- 112 Border Search and Rescue Unit
- 113 Cairngorm
- 114 Grampian Police
- 115 Oban
- 116 SARDA
- 117 Isle of Skye
- 118 Tayside, Torridon

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