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Mountain Rescue Committee Scotland
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.

**These records include sensitive personal information as defined by the Data Protection Act, 1998. They are not to be issued without the written permission of the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland.**

Deposited, 2007 and 2008
| 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
95 May-Jun
96 Jul-Aug
97 Sept–Dec

98-102 2005

98-99 Summaries of Incident Reports of all Regions
97 Jan-Jun
98 Jul-Dec

99 Area Accident Lists

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

119 Printed material
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