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President: THE CHIEF CONSTABLE, North Wales Police

Chairman's Report for 2005.

2005 was a routine but active year for the Association. All the Officers are sincerely thanked for their significant contributions to making it a successful year. The reports of the Officers will show the levels of activity.

The past year was the first full year for the use of the Land SAR VHF High Band Channels. Teething problems continued to be resolved in the light of experience. Towards the end of the year discussions were held to consider methods of linking the Land SAR Channels and Airwave. The continuing support of the North Wales Police is greatly appreciated.

It is a matter of regret that, due to force of circumstances, no course on the Fatal Incidents Protocol was held during the year. The next course is planned for June, 2006. Dect. Chief Supt. Ross Duffield retired from the Police Service just after the end of the year. We thank him for all his work in establishing and supporting the courses. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Following on from the circulation of the ACPO Guidance on Missing persons, a Protocol for Searching for Missing Persons was negotiated during the year. The Protocol was signed off at the September meeting of the Association.

As discussed and agreed earlier in the year the Association has moved to a largely e-mail circulation of papers. This has resulted in significant savings in the costs of printing and postage. In addition, it has meant that information from MR-EW and other bodies may be circulated in a more timely fashion. It is a matter of concern that some may be disenfranchised due to lack of e-mail facilities.

In the second half of the year the IT Officer established a NWMRA web site. The success and usefulness is directly related to contributions submitted by members.

In April your Chairman attended a function to launch "The Year of the Volunteer" in Wales. The event has held in Cardiff.

At the December meeting it was agreed to establish a small working group to consider possible Regional responses to international disasters. It is hoped that the work will be completed in 2006.

INCIDENTS. All incidents reports sent to the Chairman have been sent, both electronically and hard copy, to Ged Feeney, MRC Statistics Officer. The attached table provides information for the past six years. 156 incidents with 222 subjects were recorded for the year 2005. It is worth pointing out that the relatively low number of fatalities (5) recorded in 2005 when compared to the previous three years. By the end of 2005 some 1190 incidents had been entered in the data base. The point is made again that it must be stressed that the quality of information extracted from the data base depends directly on the quality and completeness of the information given on the individual incidents reports.

There has been no diminution in the effectiveness of the Teams' response to calls for assistance no matter the nature of the call. The Teams and all their members are thanked for their dedication and hard work during the year. To you all, may I extend our sincere thanks for your work is much appreciated.

In conclusion, it is a pleasure to record that Aled Taylor was awarded the Certificate of Distinguished Service by MR-EW. We extend our congratulations.

ANNUAL INCIDENTS ENTERED IN THE MRC DATA BASE

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Incidents	145	112	150	142	120	156
Subjects	201	158	222	206	191	222
Unhurt	132	87	124	117	128	136
Injured	59	63	83	77	49	78
Fatal	7	4	13	10	12	5
No Trace	3	4	2	2	2	3
<u>TEAMS</u>						
Aberglaslyn MRT	14	11	14	25	15	10
Llanberis MRT	51	51	85	61	61	75
OB Wales SART	0	0	7	1	1	9
OVMRO	52	40	42	57	39	55
NEWSAR	17	9	16	10	10	14
SARDA(W)	32	7	4	11	18	13
NW CRO						
South Snowdonia SART	1	0	6	6	8	6
Snowdonia National Park	4	1	2	0	1	3
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>						
Water Sports	2	0	1	1	0	0
Sledging	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ski-ing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snow/Ice Climbing	0	0	0	1	0	2
Search, Non-mountain	28	11	11	11	14	9
Search, Mountain	4	3	6	1	5	11
Rescue Team Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road Traffic Accident	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Scrambling	17	34	22	22	10	29
Rock Climbing	17	10	13	13	15	14
Pony Trekking	0	0	0	0	1	0
Parapenting	1	1	0	0	1	1
Orienteering	0	0	0		0	0
Occupational	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Sport	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Incident	0	6	11	9	9	6
Hang-gliding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell Running	0	0	1	0	0	1
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell Walking (Winter)	0	0	0	0	0	2
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Fell Walking (Winter D of E)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fell Walking (D of E)	0	0	0	2	4	0
Cave/ Mine Exploration	0	1	0	1	0	0
Bird watching	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Biking	0	1	0	1	0	1
Animal Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aircrash – Military	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aircrash - Civil	1	0	0	1	0	0
Abseiling	0	0	0	0	1	0