



EDALE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM – PRESS RELEASE

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Team on Course for Their Busiest Year Ever...

So far this year, Edale Mountain Rescue Team have already been called out 44 times. In our busiest year on record, 2005, we had responded to 31 incidents by the same time so 2010 represents a 40% increase in jobs for the team.

In the last week, team has been tasked to 4 incidents. On Wednesday evening team members returning home from a regular equipment maintenance session were called to assist East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) in Edale. A 20 year old male had fallen down an embankment. He was complaining of neck and back pain and so was fully immobilised before being carried by the team to the waiting ambulance.

A more familiar role for the team on Friday afternoon when we were called, together with members of Buxton MRT, to a fallen climber on Stanage Edge. A 48 year old man had fallen while leading a route in the 'Manchester Buttress' area of the crag. He was treated for potential spinal and pelvic injuries and then evacuated from the crag before being flown to hospital in the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance (DLRAA). At hospital he was found to have sustained a fracture to his spine.

On Sunday the team responded to a report of a 14 year old boy who had fallen from rocks at Owl Tor near the top of Padley Gorge, a popular walking and picnicking spot. The young man had broken his arm in the fall. He was treated by Paramedics from the DLRAA and an ambulance from Chesterfield. The casualty didn't like the thought of a helicopter flight so the team helped to carry him to the road for transport to hospital by road.

On Sunday evening the team was once again in action at Stanage Edge. For the second time in two weeks, a climber had fallen while abseiling when the attachment for his abseil rope failed. A 21 year old student from Cambridge fell around 12 metres and suffered very serious chest injuries including 9 fractured ribs, a broken shoulder blade and significant bleeding in his chest. He was treated on scene by team medics and Yorkshire Air Ambulance crew before being carefully evacuated to the top of the crag. Thanks to the rapid response of the team and the air ambulance, he was on his way to hospital just an hour after the accident. The team would also like to thank the other climbers present who assisted with first aid before our arrival and with the subsequent evacuation of the casualty.

<http://www.edalemountainrescue.co.uk>

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Notes to Journalists and Editors:

Edale Mountain Rescue Team is staffed entirely by volunteers and supported by public donations. Like other MRTs in England and Wales we receive no financial support from National or Local Government. One of the busiest teams in the country, attending around 100 incidents a year, the team operates in the busiest part of the Peak District National Park itself the second most visited National Park in the world. The team is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We are a registered charity, number 512559.

A selection of stock images of EMRT vehicles and personnel is now available online at

<http://www.edalemrt.co.uk/gallery.html>

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