

AVALANCHE RESCUE - INITIAL RESCUE RESPONSE

Initial information

All casualties accounted for:- coordinate as standard response

Casualties un-accounted for:- Assume Buried and initiate full avalanche response

ROLES (Notify team members of personnel filling roles)

Incident Coordinator; - Request heli & SARDA; Incident info & full team deployment

Hasty Team Coordinator; - Calls hasty team, safety info for hasty team & equipment
On site

Avalanche site Co-ordinator; - On site with Hasty Party & maintain site Log & photos

Briefing / Tasking / Comms; Record personnel & equipment into site, Beacon check

Medical Officer; - Ideally Doc - Depending on initial reports need not go in Hasty Party lift

Probe Team leader; Assign roles for probing & digging

- 1) **Request heli assistance via ARCC on 01343 836020 & get ETA** Initial request for Helicopter may have to be made through Police - Agreement with ARCC for 2 helicopter response to avalanche incident should circumstances dictate
- 2) **Request Avalanche search dog on 07702 503710** - (Transportation by helicopter may be appropriate - Liaise with ARCC & SARDA handler)
- 3) **Alert neighbouring teams & Ski Patrol**:- Via police coordinator
- 4) **Hasty Party** Ideally consist of; - Avalanche site coordinator, SARDA dog & 2 avalanche experienced team members with Cas Care experience.
- 5) **Incident information**:-
 - Confirm nr in party & do they have Transceivers and or Recco strips
 - Confirm nr's missing / buried
 - Location of incident
 - Weather / visibility at location / Cloud base
 - Any injured survivors & their locations
 - If possible, survivors to mark where they ended up
 - Instruct survivors to leave clues in place
- 6) **Provide avalanche & weather forecast to avalanche site coordinator** - determine risks involved en-route & at scene — Safety of rescuers paramount
- 7) **Ensure all team members have transceivers & switched on**
- 8) **Resources required / available**:- Own transport / Equipment (refer to site action plan); Other organisations transport / Equipment' i.e. Ski area
- 9) **Consider hospital requirements of possible casualties**
 - For severely Hypothermic casualties
 - First point of Contact is Dr Brian Tregaskis - 07711 694556
 - Belford Hospital - 01397 702481
 - Email - b.tregaskis@nhs.net
 - Second point of Contact is Dr Duncan Scott - 07720 849113
- 10) **Brief further teams as they arrive**
- 11) **Press and other enquiries to be directed to Police on 101**