



Group Leader Message

The first five months of 2008 tested the dedication and stamina of RMRG's membership as we completed the renovation of our new headquarters building, moved into that building, and completed our once-every-five-years reaccreditation testing with the Mountain Rescue Association, all while handling 38 emergency calls and a dozen practices by the end of May. Settling into the rescue-busy summer months, we began to enjoy the benefits of having a permanent headquarters, and we directed significant effort into putting a new rescue truck into service. It has been a period of cultural growth and adjustment as we learn to manage a multi-vehicle fleet and our own facilities.

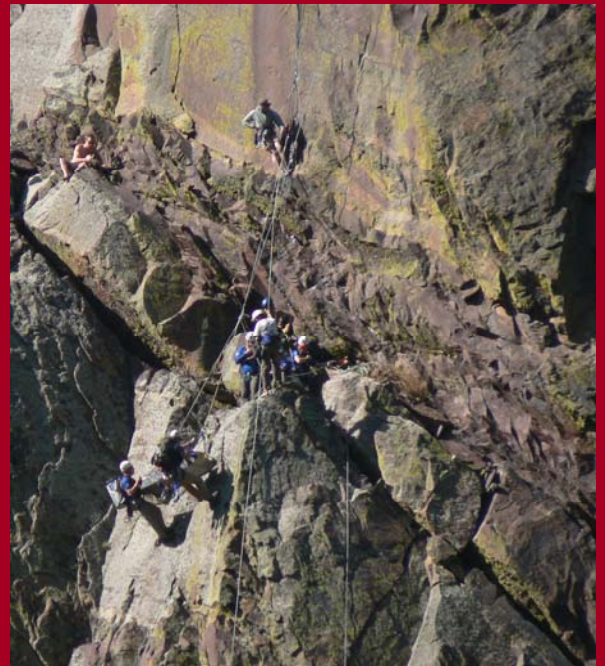


RMRG continues to be one of the busiest all-volunteer mountain rescue teams in the country, with a total of 143 emergency calls in 2008. As always, these missions are the greatest source of reward RMRG members gain from this all-encompassing work: the honor of truly helping people in desperate need right here in Boulder, and throughout Colorado.

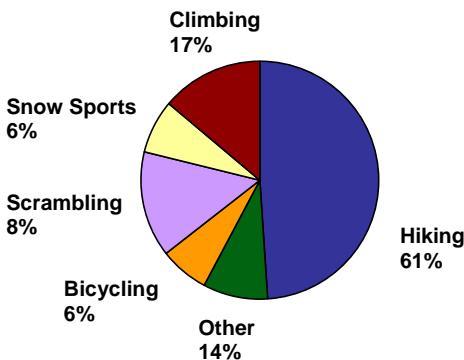
Tim Holden
Group Leader (2008 – Present)

- Mountain Search & Rescue
- Outdoor Safety Education
- Disaster Response

A Busy Year!



2008 was one of RMRG's busiest years in history. In the spring, as the ice began to melt and the rocks were loose, we received multiple calls for seriously injured climbers in Eldorado Canyon State Park. This kicked off a barrage of missions throughout the summer and into the fall.



Mission Summary

RMRG has seen another strong year of rescues and searches, responding to 143 emergency calls with 94 field missions. Our all-volunteer membership contributed an estimated 15,000 hours of service. Those rescued have included hikers, climbers, bicyclists, skiers, snowmobilers, and more.

President's Message

Last year was, by far, the busiest year overall for the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group. We opened our new headquarters after spending many months remodeling the space ourselves. We purchased a new F350 Super Duty Ford pick-up truck and have begun the conversion process to create a new rescue vehicle to serve the County. On top of these activities, the Group responded to a higher than usual number of rescue calls.



Many people deserve thanks for the incredible amount of work accomplished last year. Of course much thanks goes to the volunteers of the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group for not only providing person-hours in training and responding to missions, but also the time and energy to complete the new headquarters and beginning the operational design of the new rescue vehicle. Thank you also goes to Sheriff Joe Pelle and Emergency Services Supervisor Dave Booton, who, through their support, as well as funding from Boulder County made our headquarters project successful. We thank The City of Boulder and the Mountain Parks and Open Space Division along with the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Section of the Colorado Department of Health, the El Pomar Foundation, the Red Empress Foundation, and Qualcomm for providing the majority of the funding. Without the support of these agencies, we would not have achieved these important projects.

2009 will present a number of new challenges to the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group such as completing our conversion to the new rescue truck, and new full body vacuum splints. We will be continuing developing procedures for testing our gear and systems to ensure the safety of our systems for patient extraction and care along with continuing our mission of providing mountain rescue services and outdoor safety education.

Kelly Lucy
President (2007 – Present)



Outdoor Safety Education

RMRG continues to fulfill its Outdoor Safety Education component of its mission with 21 outdoor safety education events serving over 800 people.

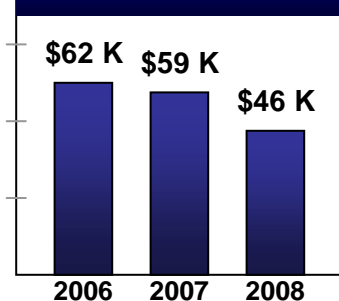
Financial Summary

RMRG continues to meet the needs of the community with high quality mountain search and rescue services for a very low cost. RMRG's endowment has seen a decrease with the downturn in the economy, but all interest continues to be re-invested into the endowment. 2008 city, county, and state contributions and private donations were static, while donations were up \$7,000 from \$28,000 in 2007.

Expenses

Rescue Operations	\$101,000
Administrative	\$1,700
Fundraising	\$600
Total	103,300

RMRG Endowment



A portion of the endowment is owned by "The Community Foundation" of Boulder.

Income

Government Contracts	\$35,900
Donations	\$35,600
Grants	\$63,600
Other	\$8,300
Total	\$143,400

Donations do not include in-kind contributions

