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Press Release

For Immediate Release

Man Rescued From Buttermilk Mountain Early Thursday Morning

Pitkin County, Colorado – March 28, 2013 – On Thursday March 28, 2013 at approximately 2:01 A.M., the Aspen/Pitkin County Communications Center (dispatch) received a 911 call about an injured man at the Buttermilk Mountain Ski Area. The reporting party told 911 dispatchers that a person in their group had sustained a possible broken leg while skiing down from a “full moon party” near the top of Buttermilk Mountain. The injured man, identified as Martin Leonard of Mt. Baldy, CA, was reported to be in the terrain park on Buttermilk Mountain. Mountain Rescue Aspen (MRA), Aspen Ambulance, Aspen Skiing Company and the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office provided resources to assist in locating, stabilizing and transporting Mr. Leonard.

At approximately 2:28 A.M., 911 dispatchers received a call from an Aspen Skiing Company employee operating a snowcat on Buttermilk Mountain who had come across Mr. Leonard and his companions. At approximately 3:00 A.M., MRA personnel with the assistance of several Aspen Skiing Company employees were able to move Mr. Leonard down the mountain by sled to a waiting ambulance, provided by Aspen Ambulance. At 3:29 A.M., Mr. Leonard was transported to Aspen Valley Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. At that time, all rescuers were out of the field and the incident was terminated.

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