



# Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

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### **Sheriff's Office Coordinates Search & Rescue Mission on Mount Shasta**

**July 28, 2017**

The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) has coordinated a large-scale, multi-agency search and rescue (SAR) effort on Mount Shasta, which was initiated to find a missing hiker. On Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at about 9:46 p.m., an emergency "911" call was received by SCSO from a hiker reporting that she was at the 13,000 feet level of the mountain. The citizen reported she did not have warm clothing but did have food and water. When contacted, the hiker advised SCSO that she was going to spend the night on the mountain. She was advised a United States Forest Service (USFS) Rescue Ranger would be en route to her location on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> no later than 6:00 a.m. SCSO SAR team members, led by SAR Coordinator Mike Burns initiated a response and mutual aid was requested from other counties in California and (CORSAR) SAR members from Oregon. Along with USFS assets, additional assistance and support was received from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) H-16 (helicopter) and the California Army National Guard (CARNG) deployed two aircraft, a ground tracking crew, and emergency communications personnel. The CARNG also provided use of the Mt. Shasta CARNG armory to assist with logistics for the SAR operation.

The SAR personnel pinpointed an approximate location for the lost hiker, identified as Ms. Charity C. Stevens, 36, of Laguna Nigel, California. Based on information obtained by SCSO and USFS she was originally located near the Mud Creek Glacier near Red Banks. The latest location obtained by rescuers was at the 8,500 level near the Clear Creek Trail Head.

According to Sheriff Jon Lopey, "We are working very hard to locate Ms. Stevens. We are very concerned about her welfare but we are grateful for the overwhelming support we have received from our federal, state, and local partners. We urge all hikers on the mountain to avoid SAR equipment, personnel, and aircraft and to use caution in the area due to on-going search efforts. Anyone with information about Ms. Stevens' whereabouts is urged to contact the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office 24-Hour Dispatch Center at (530) 841-2900."



Ms. Charity C. Stevens