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**Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Helicopter Rescue Team Rescues Two Climbers in the Cascades**

Snohomish County, Washington (July 1, 2015) – The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Helicopter Rescue Team (HRT) located and rescued two seriously injured climbers recently on two separate high altitude rescue missions in the Cascade mountains.

On June 21 Skagit County Sheriff's Office received notification of a Personal Locator Beacon activation coming from Dome Peak and requested rescue helicopter assistance from the State Emergency Operations Center. The climber sustained a back injury during a fall into a cravasse and was extracted by his climbing partners. Snohomish County HRT launched in their rescue helicopter SnoHawk 10, located and rescued a climber.

On June 27, 2015 Chelan County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from a report of a severely injured climber on seven finger jack mountain. The climber fell 500 feet and was located about 1000 feet below the 9,000 foot summit. Snohomish County HRT conducted a hoist rescue and transported the injured climber to the nearest hospital.

(photos attached)

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