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## NEWS RELEASE

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### APD NEWS RELEASE:

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### Incident: Lost Hiker located on Sumas Mountain

**Abbotsford: December 1, 2011**

This afternoon at 4:30 pm the Abbotsford Police received a call concerning a hiker who was stranded and lost on Sumas Mountain. The caller was the female hiking partner of the 65 year old man who was somewhere on the mountain as nightfall was setting in. The caller indicated that she and the man had become separated. Telephone contact was made with the hiker by APD staff as numerous resources began to be deployed.

Sixteen Central Fraser Valley Search and Rescue members attended the mountain along with Abbotsford Police Patrol Division officers, a Lower Mainland Integrated PDS K9 unit and police helicopter Air 1. The Air 1 helicopter played an integral role in locating a small light held by the hiker to mark his position to searchers. The extrication of the man was complicated by darkness and the steep terrain of the area. Thankfully the man was safely taken from the mountain at 8:30 pm. The man was cold but in good spirits considering his ordeal.

Indications were that the pair of hikers from the Fraser Valley was adequately prepared for the trek but that the combination of becoming separated and the increasing darkness created a situation where assistance was the only option.

The Abbotsford Police Department would like to thank everyone who contributed to the successful resolution to this incident. We would like to offer special thanks to Central Fraser Valley Search and Rescue and Air 1 for the vital roles they played.

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