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### **Multi-Agency Avalanche Training, Dec 11-12, 2010**

(TURNAGAIN PASS, Alaska) –The Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, along with multiple search and rescue organizations, will conduct a large-scale interagency avalanche training exercise in the Turnagain Pass area, this coming weekend, Dec 11 and 12, 2010. The Alaska State Troopers will also be participating in the exercise by assisting with logistical support and resources.

The first day will consist of skills training for avalanche response. Stations include avalanche transceiver search practice, probe searching, and the extrication and medical care of avalanche victims.

The second day will encompass several mock avalanche scenarios to which participating search and rescue organizations must collectively respond. The operations will involve establishing an incident command post, staging field teams and responding to simulated avalanche accident areas in the local mountains to locate, assist and transport buried subjects with simulated injuries. This training prepares the different search and rescue organizations and emergency responders collaborate on real avalanche missions.

Recreationists are advised that snowmachines and two helicopters will be operating in the area on both days of the training exercise.

AMRG asks that the public avoid flagged areas and slopes above where rescue personnel will be training. Motorists are advised to slow down and use caution when driving due to possible congestion.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will be providing its mobile command center during this training mission.

For more information regarding the training, contact Bill Romberg, Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, 907-240-8543 or Lt. Craig Macdonald, Alaska State Troopers, 907-269-5682.