



## *Chelan County Sheriff's Office*

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Incident #: 17C10235- Dragontail Peak

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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports that two climbers were rescued today on Dragontail Peak approximately 11 miles southwest of Leavenworth. On Thursday afternoon, James Templeton (50 yoa) of Seattle and Petr Praus (28 yoa) of Seattle were attempting to climb Dragontail Peak via the "Serpentine Arete" route. The climbers got off route and reached a spot where they couldn't climb any higher and were unable to descend safely and activated their emergency beacons.

At 8:38pm on Thursday, RIVERCOM dispatch center received a call from the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) advising that two emergency beacons had been activated near Aasgard Pass. A Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue coordinator requested a hoist capable helicopter through WA State Emergency Management but none were available.

This morning at 5:45am, a Chelan County Sheriff's Office helicopter (AIR30) responded to the area and located the climbers on a small ledge approximately 100 feet below the summit of Dragontail Peak. AIR 30 inserted a Chelan County deputy, two members of Chelan County Mountain Rescue, and a medic from Lake Chelan Community Hospital into the area. At approximately 8:30am the rescuers were able to reach the climbers, who were not injured, and guide them safely off the mountain.

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