



## *Chelan County Sheriff's Office*

***Brian Burnett, Sheriff***

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For Immediate Release

Contact: Sergeant Kent Sisson

Incident #: 16c09657 **Injured Climber Rescued**

**Dragontail Peak**

Phone: 509.630.7506

Date: 08/14/2016

**###**

Sheriff Brian Burnett reports an injured climber was rescued from the Dragontail Peak area of the Alpine Wilderness Sunday afternoon. RIVERCOM Dispatch Center received a call from the injured subject's climbing partner just prior to 11:00am stating that his friend fell while descending the mountain and likely broke his lower left leg. The incident occurred at approximately 7:00am. The climbing partner had to hike out to receive cellular service. The patient, David Wade (51yoa) from Portland, Oregon was positioned on the northwest aspect of Dragontail Peak above Asgaard Pass.

A Chelan County Sheriff's Office helicopter inserted one rescuer, Deputy Mike McLeod to the area of Wade on the mountain. The deputy made his way to Wade's location and splinted the broken leg. A hoist equipped helicopter was requested through the State Emergency Management Division. The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office "SnoHawk-10" helicopter crew accepted the mission and responded. Wade was extracted from his position on the mountain by 3:30pm and flown to the SAR staging at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery helipad. He was transferred to a Cascade Ambulance and taken to Cascade Medical Center in Leavenworth for treatment. Wade is in stable condition.

Inquiries reference this media release may be directed to Sergeant Kent Sisson with the Sheriff's Office.

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