

JUNE 18 “50 YEARS OF OURAY MOUNTAIN RESCUE HISTORY”



The Ouray Mountain Rescue Teams is celebrating 40 years of service to the Ouray area community. If the ambulance can't reach a

patient, the rescue team gets the patient to the ambulance. They rescue people in ATA/Jeep/Razor accidents, ice climbing, horseback, hiking accidents, mountain biking, rock climbing, canyoneering incidents, and so much more. The rescue teams perform approximately 30 rescues each year, and as a team, and to be prepared, every year they train for approximately 2000 hours. They strive to demonstrate “aptitude at altitude.”

Eight team members will speak on the history of the OMRT. Following Karen Risch's introduction, Rick Trujillo will discuss the conception of the rescue team. Otto Scheidegger will tell the history of the OMRT as it was 40 years ago, Sam Rusing 30 years ago, Sean Hart 20 years ago, and Ruth Stewart 10 years ago. Jimmy Chiang will represent the newest members. Jenny Hart will wrap it up with the future of the next 50 years.