IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON 406 MHz DISTRESS ALERTING BEACONS

HELP PREVENT FALSE ALERTS
SO SEARCH AND RESCUE CREWS CAN FOCUS ON ACTUAL DISTRESS SITUATIONS!
406 BEACONS SAVE LIVES

98% OF ALL 406 ELT, EPIRB AND PLB BEACON ACTIVATIONS ARE FALSE ALERTS!
False Alerts can take search and rescue (SAR) resources away from REAL EMERGENCIES.
False alerts can place SAR Responders in HARM’S WAY.
Notify authorities immediately if your beacon was ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATED, even for a few seconds.
Follow MANUFACTURER’S guidance for TESTING your beacon.
Follow manufacturer’s instructions when DECOMMISSIONING and DISPOSING of old beacons.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A 406 BEACON IS ACTIVATED?
Rescue Coordination Center personnel are immediately alerted when a 406 BEACON SIGNAL is DETECTED.
They do everything possible to get SAR Responders TO THE SCENE OF THE DISTRESS as quickly as possible.
Make sure your BEACON IS REGISTERED.
It’s easy... Call 1-888-212-7283 or register at beaconregistration.noaa.gov
This is the simplest and fastest way for SAR authorities to RESPOND TO A DISTRESS or CONFIRM A FALSE ALERT.

KNOW YOUR 406 BEACON – LIVES DEPEND ON IT – MAYBE YOURS!
Follow manufacturer’s INSTRUCTIONS when HANDLING, TESTING, REPAIRING AND INSTALLING a 406 beacon. Most FALSE ALERTS occur during testing and maintenance.
To test your beacon, USE THE TEST SWITCH ONLY.
Brief all members of your crew or group on HOW YOUR BEACON WORKS.

IF A 406 BEACON IS ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATED
CALL:
US COAST GUARD: 1-855-406-USCG (8724)
US AIR FORCE: 1-800-851-3051

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