



ACMG INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Complete this form and send it to the ACMG Executive Director at ed@acmg.ca

Date of Report: MARCH 13 2019 Time of Report: 0900

Your Name: MerricBeth Board Name of Victim(s): Ben Paradis,
MerricBeth Board, Madeleine Martha-Freney, Michelle Kloet, ParaMiles, ^{Sonja} Findlater

Incident Location (range, route, elevation, slope angle, aspect, etc)

Massey's Icefall, Field BC, 1300m, Vertical Wall to
15 degree gully, North aspect.

Date of Incident: March 11/2019 Time of Incident: _____

Weather Conditions at time of incident: Overcast, +1, Calm

Number of Clients: 4 Number of Guides/Instructors: 2

Incident Details (before, during and immediately following incident)

GROUP HAD CLIMBED GRADE 4 ROUTE. 2 Parties 2:1
DESCENDED IN 2 70m RAPPELS.
AT BASE PACKUP AND PRACTICED "V" THREAD MAKING.
CLOSE TO THE WALL. 4 people Right @ wall, with
Guide. 1 person Removing Crampions to Right just
below vertical wall. Second Guide close to wall observing
Group. Second Received phone call from other guide in
the area who observed avalanche coming down the
Gully from above. "Get behind the curtain" (SARA)
Second Guide shouted an Alert "EVERYONE." (MB)
Avalanche Poured over Base of the Climb. When it
Slowed 3 people remained @ Vthreads, 1 Burral arm out, ^{40m below}
Everyone was instructed to go to search. 6th person Singhal
found 50m down Path Ready 1.8m deep. All equipment had been
buried. Guide looked Briefly with Ice ax for bags. Ice axes, cramp
Helmets were used to Dig out 6th person.

Additional Guide that Alerted, Guide at Climbing arrived with Shovel and probe approx 35min after avalanche. Probe strike located victim. Within 10 minutes victim was out of the snow. CPR was initiated immediately. No snow in airway, no pulse. Other buried person was also helped and all other members walked down to rail tracks. 4 people continued CPR and moving victim out of slide path. 4th Guide also on scene with Radio comms to Parks Canada

numerous people had texted or phoned for Resue immediately after Avalanche.

Continuous CPR until ^{when Parks Canada Arrived via Longline.} AED was placed and continued after AED No shock advised. Soon after victim was transported via long line to next level of care. (BC Ambulance) Patient transported to Foothills hospital via Stairs helicopter.

Rescue Details

First Aid/AR at scene: CPR, OPA * AED/VACUUM
MATTRESS PROVIDED BY PARKS CANADA.

External Responder(s) and contact info: Sarah Hueniken,
Scott McKay, Amy Liu, Tanya Thordarstan

Evacuation Method: 407 long line.

Victim details

Address: _____

Emergency Contact : _____

Condition at time of writing: Deceased

Nature of injuries: Assumed Asphyxiation,
no other injuries found.

Hospitalization required?: YES

Communication

List everyone plus contact info with whom you have had communication regarding this incident (SAR, employer or supervisor, victim's family/friends, media, ACMG personnel, insurance)

Close friends, Peter Tucker, BC Coroner
(Tim) Golden BC, Nula Wolfe RCMP
Victim Services Golden B.C., Parks Canada
Visitor Safety