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Without helicopter support for Search and Rescue missions lives will be lost. Will they be my family members or yours? While I realize the budget is tight do we not have a fiduciary responsibility to both the tourist and the resident to find them when they go missing? To the Alzheimer's patient who walks away from their assisted living home? To the fisherman and hiker?

The helicopter also protects our volunteers who risk their lives each day for no remuneration from the state. Are they not a the most cost effective force in the state?

Cutting the budget should not put lives at risk. Those lives are the responsibility of our elected officials and all the citizens of the state.

Thank you

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