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Volunteer Week 2009 (June 7-14th 2009)

Volunteer week provides an ideal opportunity for organisations to express thanks for the huge commitment of time, energy and passion that volunteers provide. The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council is such an organisation.

The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council was founded in 1965 to deliver the outdoor safety message to our community and is now a nationwide organisation of over 1700 volunteers who willingly give their time through our 28 branches across New Zealand

"We exist to enable people to safely participate in land based outdoor activity. This means more people discovering the New Zealand outdoors, more often, safely. Without our volunteer's ongoing contribution, we would not be able to fulfil our purpose." Says the Mountain Safety Council CEO Darryl Carpenter.

"New Zealand is so much richer every time our volunteers collectively deliver the outdoor safety message through public courses, publication and communication of outdoor safety resources, facilitating the setting of safety standards and responding to media inquiries when there are incidents. It is our volunteer contributions that underpin this success." Says Mr Carpenter.

Mr Carpenter finished by saying that "The MSC would like to thank the volunteers for the commitment to their local and regional communities. New Zealand Society is indeed richer because of the valuable and tangible contribution to outdoor safety and participation."

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