

When it comes to life and death situations the rugged terrain in the Smokies can slow efforts to reach help. 19-year-old Jordan Webb has been a ham radio operator since he was 12 years-old. "It's something a lot more people should have with them than they do, because cell phones don't work in lots of places," said Webb. He learned that first hand when he watched his classmate slip under the water at Abrams Falls five years ago. "Well, I started throwing out, calling out "break! break!", which means life threatening emergency," said Webb. He used a hand-held radio to reach another ham operator who made the call for help.

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