

## **SPOTX INSTRUCTIONS**

In an emergency the Spotx device can be used to send text messages or contact a SOS call center using satellite communication. It will keep track of your location and can transmit that data with the text message and an SOS. The devices have been loaded with 9 predefined messages and the cell phone numbers of MDT leaders and most trail chiefs. You will find a list of these below. Although sending predefined text messages is free, receiving a text message or sending a custom text message costs about \$0.25. **However, you should not hesitate to use the Spotx in an emergency.**

### **Checklist**

- 1) Charge the Spotx devices using a USB charger before and after the trip.
- 2) Check the contact list below to determine if your co-leader cell phone number is included. If not, add it manually.
- 3) Deploy the devices to each co-leader
- 4) Read the sections of the User Guide regarding messages and sending an SOS.
- 5) Practice sending a predefined text to a cell phone.
- 6) At the start of your trip turn on the Spotx devices and stow them in the top of your pack.
- 7) If without cell phone coverage and in an emergency use the Spotx to send text messages or activate an SOS signal.

### **Key Points to Remember**

- 1) There is no substitute for good group management to avoid some emergencies.
- 2) The Spotx device is not an ideal substitute for a cell phone but will work without cell phone coverage.
- 3) Once SOS is activated you can only communicate with the SOS call center until SOS is deactivated.
- 4) The rescuers summoned by the 911 center will not know why you have contacted them until they reach you or you have contacted them separately.
- 5) There is a protective cover over the SOS button so you do not press it inadvertently.
- 6) The Spotx device will only work with a clear view of the sky.
- 7) Use the check box at the bottom of the message field to also send your GPS coordinates and elevation.
- 8) Each text may take several minutes to send and be received.
- 9) The Spotx checks for messages once every 10 minutes.

## **PREDEFINED MESSAGES**

We are activating SOS on the SpotX which will prevent further communication until deactivated.

We are moving slowly, but are OK. No assistance required at this time.

Please acknowledge our previous message

Message Received

We have called 911

Our Entire Group Has Finished The Ski And Are At The Trailhead

We Have Decided To Exit The Trail At The Closest Access Point

This Is A TEST MSG

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>PHONE</b>
Andrew	Harper	802-430-3859
Andrew	McIntosh	802-989-5409
Audrey	Huffman	802-595-2367
Augusta	Blackstone	603-738-5512
Bill	Hegman	802-734-6459
Bill	Michels	917-207-2731
Bryan	Sell	802-353-0420
Chrystal	Cleary	508-208-6202
CTA	SPOTX ONE	254-460-8167
CTA	SPOTX TWO	254-543-9398
David	Charles	215-498-5397
Dean	Bloch	802-557-7293
Deborah	Page	802-922-5621
Douglas	Bonoff	860/670-8515
Edwin	Miller	802-279-3267
Ferdinand	Lauffer	802-752-9790
Geoff	Slater	802-793-2007
Greg	Maino	906-381-6242
Heidi	Pancake	802-451-9791
Hilary	Coolidge	617-877-7533
Ian	Forgays	802-373-0465
Jan	Rozendaal	802-373-6974
Jay	Stearns	802-777-5172
Jill	Aspinall	802-522-4312
John	Ferraro	802 233-1468
Joseph	Cook	802-952-6596
Julie	Higgins	508-404-4138
Kevin	Batson	802-825-2618
Lauren	Slater	802-498-4644
Marie	Bartlett	413 834 0276
Mark	Blanchard	603-321-9612
Matthew	Williams	802-735-3187
Michael	O'Connor	603-466-7025

Milica	Stojanovic	617-407-2889
Paul	Demers	802-793-0888
Paul	Hemmerich	603-566-9500
Peter	Cottrell	802-238-5745
Phil	Huffman	802-371-9501
Rich	Larsen	802)343-0035
Sam	Bartlett	413-834-0274
Sarah	Coe	203-214-6725
Sheri	Larsen	802-343-7660
Sheri	Lindner	516-445-1186
Sigh	Searles	802-279-9401
Stephen	Waite	802-558-9770
Steve	Fernandes	603-490-3089
Thomas	Burgos	802 522 5924
W. Neal	Fisher	860-899-5096
Wayne	Flewelling	802-779-3539
William	Skerrett	802-735-6177