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Fatality during Training Aboard MCAS Yuma

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (February 28, 2018) – A Belgian parajumper was killed conducting training in the vicinity of MCAS Yuma Range 2301 West on February 27, 2018.

At approximately 10:40 p.m. Belgian Special Operations Forces requested assistance from MCAS Yuma Search and Rescue (SAR) to help locate the individual after conducting a training jump. At approximately 1:20 a.m. MCAS Yuma SAR located the deceased parajumper. At approximately 2:10 a.m. MCAS Yuma SAR recovered the remains of the Belgian parajumper and transported the individual to Yuma Region Medical Center.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the parajumper lost in this tragic accident," stated MCAS Yuma Commanding Officer, Col. David Suggs. "We at MCAS Yuma stand ready to provide assistance and support."

The incident is currently under investigation.

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