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Napa –Based CHP Helicopter Performs Hoist Rescue of Injured Hiker

(Cull Canyon, Solano County, CA) On March 29, 2015, at 1005 hours, the California Highway Patrol Helicopter (H-32) was requested by Solano County Fire Department for a possible rescue of an injured hiker. H-32 was already airborne and responded. A 47 year old female hiker had fallen and injured her leg and fire crews were attempting to contact her on the trails. H-32 arrived over the hiking trails near the Monticello dam and quickly located the injured hiker. Due to rugged and steep terrain in the area, H-32 was only able to set one skid down on the hillside and insert a Paramedic rescuer, who hiked in to the injured hiker's location. With the assistance of Solano County Fire Department personnel, the CHP Officer/Paramedic was able to prepare the hiker for hoist extrication. H-32 then hovered overhead and the injured hiker was hoisted from the mountainside. The injured hiker was then flown to the nearby command post, where she was transferred to a waiting Vacaville Fire Department ambulance for transport to a nearby trauma center for treatment.

The California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Division Air Operations unit, based at the Napa County Airport, operates four aircraft (two airplanes and two helicopters) which patrol approximately 6,923 square miles that incorporates a residential population of more than 7 million people. The helicopter is routinely staffed with a CHP Officer/Pilot and a CHP Officer/Paramedic. The helicopter is equipped with a rescue hoist that has 165 feet of rescue cable that can lift patients and/or rescuers, that can weigh up to 450 pounds, into the helicopter.

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