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## **CHP HELICOPTER, SOUTHERN MARIN CO. FIRE, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE RESCUE WOMAN SWEEPED TO SEA**

TENNESSEE Cove, MARIN COUNTY, CA – H-32 was requested by Southern Marin County Fire and National Parks Service for a cliff rescue at Tennessee Cove at approximately 1:15 PM. CHP Helicopter 32 (H-32) responded from Napa County Airport. It was reported that a female victim in her 20's was on Tennessee Beach when she was swept into the Pacific Ocean. The victim spent a reported 30 minutes in 52° water attempting to get back to land. She successfully made it to the base of a cliff and climbed onto a rock. Waves continued to strike the base of the cliff with no way for rescuers to access her other than from the water. A National Parks Service Lifeguard swam to her location and placed her into a lifejacket for safety. In high, gusty winds, CHP Helicopter Officer Pilot McAuley flew H-32 to a position next to the cliff and above the victim. Due to the victim's position, the helicopter blades were within approximately 10 to 15 feet of the sheer rock wall. CHP Helicopter Flight Officer/Paramedic Bouyea lowered CHP Helicopter Flight Officer/Paramedic Schmidt approximately 75 feet from the helicopter to the victim's location via the helicopter hoist. Officer Schmidt placed the victim into a rescue harness and both were hoisted up to the helicopter. The victim was flown to Tennessee Cove where she was lowered to Southern Marin Fire District crews for a medical evaluation. The victim appeared to be extremely cold and tired but otherwise uninjured.

Due to the inaccessible location and high surf, CHP H-32 hoisted a National Parks Lifeguard and National Parks Ranger to safety. There was a high surf and hazardous beach warning issued for the coast at 8:00 AM Monday morning and swimmers and beachgoers are encouraged to use caution due to strong rip currents and a large shore break.

The rescue was captured on the CHP Helicopter Hoist Camera (see attached link).

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