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CHP Helicopter assists with search and rescue of hiker who fell off cliff

Tomales Point, Marin County, CA

On April 5, 2016 at approximately 1645 hours, the Marin County Fire Department requested the California Highway Patrol Air Operations unit’s helicopter (H-32) assist with a search and rescue of a hiker who had fallen off a cliff near Tomales Point. Shortly after H-32’s arrival on scene, the hiker was located on a rugged area of rocks approximately 40 feet below Tomales Point. H-32 lowered Flight Officer/Paramedic Schmidt to the patient and hoisted the victim into the helicopter. H-32 then transported the hiker to a landing zone near Dillon Beach where he was transferred to awaiting medics who transported the patient to a nearby hospital.

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 the 9 Bay Area Counties, approximately 6,923 square miles that is home to 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 cable that can lift patients and/or rescuers, with a cumulative weight up to 450 pounds.

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