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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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