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CHP Helicopter Performs Hoist Rescue in Annadel State Park

Annadel State Park, Sonoma County Calif. –

On Monday, April 18, 2016 at 1555 hours Sonoma County Fire Department requested assistance from CHP Helicopter 32 (H-32) for a rescue of an injured mountain biker that had crashed within Annadel State Park. H-32 was already airborne and responded quickly to the scene. The flight crew determined that a hoist rescue was required due to the isolated location and rugged terrain. H-32 landed and reconfigured for a hoist. While CHP Officer/Pilot Mike McAuley hovered 75' above the patient, CHP Officer/ paramedic Jared Boothe lowered a rescue harness to awaiting fire department personnel. The fire department personnel prepared the patient for hoist rescue, and Officer Boothe hoisted the patient to the helicopter. The patient was quickly delivered to an awaiting ambulance and transferred to a nearby trauma center with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

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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