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## **CHP Helicopter teams up with Oakland Fire to rescue teens**

### **Grizzly Peak, Oakland CA -**

On May 29, 2016 at approximately 1130 hours, Oakland Fire Department requested the California Highway Patrol Air Operations unit's Helicopter 30 (H-30) to assist with a rescue of two occupants from a vehicle that had crashed off the roadway down a hillside/cliff on Grizzly Peak Blvd near Fish Ranch Rd. Upon H-30's arrival, the passenger of the vehicle was being carried up the hillside by Oakland Fire Department, and the driver was receiving medical treatment from Oakland Fire Department paramedics while awaiting H-30's arrival for extrication. CHP Flight Officer/Paramedic B. Schmidt and CHP Pilot M. McAuley lowered Flight Officer/Paramedic R. Jones to the patient. After preparing the patient for hoist rescue, H-30 hoisted the patient up to H-30. H-30 then transported the patient to a landing zone near Grizzly Peak Blvd. and Claremont Ave. where he was transferred to awaiting paramedics 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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