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## **CHP Helicopter along with Southern Marin Fire rescue 2 people and their dog**

**Rodeo Beach, Marin County, CA** - On November 5, 2016 at approximately 1355 Hours, Southern Marin Fire Department requested assistance from CHP Helicopter-32 (H-32) with a rescue of two subjects and a dog that were trapped on the side of a cliff at Rodeo Beach, in Marin County. It was determined that H-32 was needed for a hoist rescue due to the steep, rugged, difficult terrain.

The trapped parties had climbed down from the top of the cliff to rescue their dog that had tumbled over the side of the cliff. The parties (a male and female in their 30's from San Francisco) were approximately 80 feet from the top of the cliff's edge, and were unable to climb any further due to the steep terrain and trying to handle the dog.

H-32 arrived with a crew of three, at Rodeo Beach, approximately 15 minutes after the initial call out. H-32 landed on a nearby bluff, reconfigured the aircraft for a hoist rescue and quickly proceeded to the victims' location. The crew of H-32 lowered a CHP Paramedic and an extraction collar to the victims. A Southern Marin Firefighter had rappelled down the cliffside to secure the parties prior to hoist rescue. Both victims and their dog were hoisted, one by one, to safety at a nearby landing zone secured by Southern Marin Fire Department. After rescuing the victims, H-32 returned and hoisted the Fire Rescue personnel to the landing zone. The victims were evaluated by Fire Department Personnel, once safely off the cliffside, and appeared uninjured. Their small dog appeared to have scrapes and bumps but appeared to have escaped serious injury.

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The California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Division Air Operations unit, based at Napa County Airport, operates four aircraft (two airplanes and two helicopters) which patrol approximately 6,923 square miles that incorporates 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 rescue cable that can lift patients and/or rescuers, that can weigh up to 450 pounds into the helicopter.



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