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## **CHP Helicopter Crews Perform TWO Hoist Rescues In One Day**

**Annadel State Park, Sonoma County Calif.** – On Wednesday, January 25, 18, 2017 at 1032 hours CHP Helicopter 30 (H-30) responded with fire agencies from Sonoma County and Sonoma County Life Support for a rescue of an injured hiker within Annadel State Park. H-30 was already airborne over Sonoma County and responded to the scene. H-30 was overhead prior to any first responders and began to search for the victim. After a brief search, H-30 located the patient down on the Rough Go trail. Due to the recent rains the trail was unstable with running water and loose rocks. H-30 performed a rescue landing and off loaded a CHP Flight Officer/Paramedic to assist the patient. The patient was a 36-year-old Santa Rosa woman who sustained a non-life threatening injury to her foot while walking on the trail. The patient was located approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the trail head. Her location made access for the fire department difficult due to the poor trail conditions.

The flight crew and fire department 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 Shaun Bouyea lowered a rescue harness to awaiting rescue personnel. The rescue personnel prepared the patient for hoist rescue, and Officer Bouyea hoisted the patient to the helicopter. The patient was quickly delivered to an awaiting Sonoma County Life Support ambulance and transferred to a nearby hospital non-life-threatening injuries.

**Mount Tamalpais, Marin County-** Also on Wednesday, at approximately 1500 hrs, the same crew from the earlier rescue, along with CHP Pilot/Officer Mark Mitchell, responded to a report of a paraglider who had crashed on the north-western side of Mt. Tamalpais. The paraglider didn't know his exact location and it was reported that he was injured. The H-30 crew arrived overhead and began to search for the injured party. The H-30 crew located the paraglider approximately 300 yards down a hill from the nearest road.



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The H-30 crew set up for a rescue as officer/Pilot M. McAuley hovered H-30 approximately 75 feet above the injured paraglider. Officer/Pilot M Mitchell lowered Officer/Paramedic Bouyea to the patient.

With the assistance of the Marin County Fire Department, Officer/Paramedic Bouyea placed the paraglider into a rescue bauman bag for extrication from the crash site. H-30 crew returned overhead and hoisted the paraglider from the scene and to a waiting Marin County Ambulance. The paraglider was transferred to a local hospital with 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 500 pounds.

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