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CHP Helicopter Performs Hoist Rescue At Point Bonita

Marin County, Calif. –

On April 16, 2016 at approximately 1920 hours, CHP Helicopter 32 (H-32) was on patrol and monitored Southern Marin Fire Department responding to a call of a hiker that was off-trail near the Point Bonita lighthouse. Upon arrival, it was determined that two 27 year old males from San Jose had climbed up a rock face and had become stranded approximately 75 feet from the bottom of the cliff face. H-32 landed nearby and quickly prepared for a hoist rescue. H-32 inserted a firefighter from Southern Marin Fire Department who attached a rescue collar to the men, one at a time. Each was hoisted up to the helicopter and delivered to the command post. Neither was injured. The teamwork and trust between CHP helicopter crews and Southern Marin Firefighters, developed over years of training and actual rescues, make these rescues look routine.

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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