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CHP Helicopter Performs Hoist Rescue in Round Valley Regional Preserve

Round Valley Regional Preserve, Contra Costa County Calif. –

On Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 1210 hours, CHP Helicopter 32 (H-32) responded with Contra Costa County Fire Department and East Bay Regional Parks helicopter for a rescue of an injured hiker within Round Valley Regional Park. H-32 was already airborne over Contra Costa County and responded to the scene along with East Bay Regional Park's helicopter. H-32 was overhead prior to any other first responders and began to search for the victim. After a brief search, the crew located the patient on the Hardy Trail. Due to the recent rains, the trail was unstable with deep mud holes and steep terrain. H-32 and the East Bay Regional Park's helicopter landed in a clearing approximately 200 yards from the hiker and a CHP Flight Officer/Paramedic hiked to assist the patient along with a crew member from East Bay Regional Park's helicopter.

The patient was a 39-year-old Antioch woman who had sustained a non-life threatening injury to her ankle while hiking on the trail. The patient was approximately 2 miles from the trailhead. Her location combined with the extremely poor trail conditions made access for the fire department very difficult. The flight crew determined that a hoist rescue was necessary. While East Bay Regional Park's helicopter crew remained on the ground to assist the patient into the hoist extraction equipment, the CHP helicopter crew returned to H-32 and quickly conducted a hoist rescue and delivered the injured hiker to an awaiting American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance for transport 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 500 pounds. # # #



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