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CHP Helicopter performs hoist rescue of injured jogger at Skyline Park

Napa County, CA

On February 16, 2015 at approximately 1524 hrs. CHP Helicopter 30 (H-30) was requested by Napa County Fire Department to assist with a rescue of an injured jogger in Skyline Park. The jogger had seriously injured her left ankle and was unable to walk. H-30 was already airborne and responded to the area. Upon arrival, it was determined that due to the rugged terrain, a hoist rescue would be required to extricate the injured jogger. While CHP Officer/Pilot Scott Ellison held H-30 in a 100' hover over the patient, CHP Officer/Paramedic Ben Schmidt lowered CHP Officer/Paramedic Jared Boothe to the patient. With the assistance of Napa County Fire Department personnel, Officer Boothe packaged the patient for transport. The patient, along with Officer Boothe, was hoisted to the helicopter. H-30 then landed at a nearby landing zone and quickly reconfigured to medevac the patient to a nearby trauma center.

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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 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 cable that can lift patients and/or rescuers, with a cumulative weight up to 450 pounds.

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