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Bodega Bay, CA (Sonoma County, CA)

On Saturday December 27, 2014 at 1620 hours, Bodega Bay Fire requested CHP Helicopter 30 (H-30) to assist with the rescue of a female that had fallen to the bottom of a cliff and was injured. H-30 responded and arrived on scene in less than 10 minutes. The crew of H-30 (CHP Officer/Pilot Mike McAuley, Flight Officer/Paramedic Shaun Bouyea and Flight Officer/ Paramedic Jared Boothe) determined that there was sufficient area of beach to land the helicopter rather than perform a hoist rescue. H-30 landed on the beach and the female was loaded into the helicopter before being flown to the landing zone at the top of the cliff and transferred to a waiting ambulance. The female's injuries were serious, but appeared non-life-threatening.

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 rescue cable that can lift patients and/or rescuers, that can weigh up to 450 pounds, into the helicopter.

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