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CHP helicopter hoists injured teenager from Mount Diablo

Mount Diablo State Park, Contra Costa County, Calif. – On June 30, 2016 at approximately 1247 hours, CHP Helicopter 32 (H-32) was requested by California State Parks Officers and San Ramon Valley Fire to assist with a hoist rescue of a 16 year old female that had been thrown from a horse in a rugged area of Mount Diablo State Park. H-32 responded with a 3 man crew, landed nearby and reconfigured for a hoist rescue. The crew of H-32 lowered a CHP Officer/Paramedic to the victim. After the patient was prepared for hoisting, H-32 hoisted her up to the aircraft and subsequently transported her to a nearby trauma center with non-life-threatening injuries. The victim had been wearing a helmet when she was thrown from the horse which likely prevented more serious injuries. This rescue was the result of coordination and cooperation between multiple public safety agencies.

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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