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Coordinated Rescue for Injured ATV Rider

(Manila, CA) – July 29, 2020 – Arcata Fire District was dispatched to ATV accident in Manila after receiving a 911 call for a single patient with significant injuries. CAL FIRE Copter 102, Samoa Fire District, and City Ambulance of Eureka were also dispatched to the incident. A Rescue Team made access to the patient using a 4x4 vehicle while Copter 102 arrived by air. Both resources coordinated patient care and setting up a secondary landing zone so a paramedic could be picked up.

Once the patient was loaded, Copter 102 lifted off and landed at the Manila Community Center to pick up the paramedic. The paramedic was briefed by firefighters then began Advanced Life Support as the helicopter lifted off and transported the patient to St. Joseph Hospital.

Battalion Chief Campbell reports, “This rescue went very smooth. The Fortuna Command Center sent everything we needed to make this rescue a success. Ground crews coordinated well with the helicopter and the patient was transported very quickly.”

Arcata Fire District would like to remind everyone to have an emergency plan when involved in outdoor recreation activities. Have a cell phone, first aid kit, emergency blanket, water, food, and make sure you tell someone where you are.

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