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Inmate Firefighter Injured Assisting With Fire Containment

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On Monday, July 31, 2017, at approximately 7:45 p.m., the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Aviation Division was requested by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** for a hoist rescue.

They reported an injured inmate firefighter assigned to a hand crew fighting a fire off Highway 18 in an area known as Waterman Canyon. The inmate firefighter injured his leg and suffered from dehydration while fighting the fire.

The fire crews were on the side of a mountain at the 2500' foot level, far from medical personnel.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's patrol helicopter 40King2 arrived on scene to conduct the hoist rescue. The crew of 40King2 consisted of Deputy Pilot Doug Brimmer and Flight Officer Brad Heard. The crew of 40King2 combined with San Bernardino County Sheriff's patrol helicopter 40King4 to assist with the hoist. The crew of 40King4 consisted of Deputy Pilot Ryan Pepler and Flight Officer Corporal Ed Leon.

The crews teamed up in 40King2 to conduct the hoist. The crew of 40King 2 now consisted of Deputy Pilot Doug Brimmer, Deputy Heard acting crew chief, and Corporal Leon acting Emergency Medical Technician. Deputy Heard lowered Corporal Leon to the injured inmate firefighter approximately 105' to the ground. Corporal Leon then placed a rescue harness on the injured inmate firefighter.

Deputy Heard hoisted the injured firefighter up to the helicopter and the inmate firefighter was flown to an awaiting ambulance at the Arrowhead Springs Resort. The crew of 40King2 then returned to the fire and hoisted Corporal Leon back up to the helicopter.

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Crews perform hoist rescue for injured inmate firefighter battling blaze in Waterman Canyon

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SAN BERNARDINO — An inmate firefighter required a hoist rescue after injuring his leg while fighting a fire off Highway 18 in Waterman Canyon Monday, authorities said.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Aviation Division was requested to assist on a report of an injured inmate firefighters assigned to a hand crew fighting a blaze in the San Bernardino Mountains at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The firefighter had reportedly injured his leg and was suffering from dehydration while fighting the fire, authorities said. The fire crews were on the side of a mountain at the 2,500-foot level, far from medical personnel.

Crews from sheriff's patrol helicopters 40King2 and 40King 4 teamed up to conduct the rescue, with Deputy Pilot Doug Brimmer flying 40King2.

Acting Crew Chief Deputy Brad Heard lowered Emergency Medical Technician Corporal Ed Leon down approximately 105 feet to the ground, authorities said.

Corporal Leon placed a rescue harness on the injured inmate firefighter and Deputy Heard hoisted back up to the helicopter, where he was then flown to a waiting ambulance at the Arrowhead Springs resort, according to authorities.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20170801/crews-perform-hoist-rescue-for-injured-inmate-firefighter-battling-blaze-in-waterman-canyon>

Mile fire north of San Bernardino is 50 percent contained, holding at 100 acres

Alex Groves, The Press-Enterprise

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Firefighters work to contain a brush fire burning in Waterman Canyon above San Bernardino Monday afternoon. (Photo by Doug Saunders)

Firefighters on Tuesday, Aug. 1, were making progress on the 100-acre Mile fire that was burning near Waterman Canyon north of San Bernardino, a San Bernardino National Forest spokeswoman said.

The fire was holding at 100 acres and was 50 percent contained as of early Tuesday afternoon, said spokeswoman Gerrelaine Alcorido.

The blaze was reported shortly after 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 31, off Highway 18.

Nine firefighters, three from the Forest Service and six others from assisting agencies, were taken to the hospital for heat-related injuries.

An inmate firefighter who was injured — and stationed far from medical personnel — was hoisted 105 feet into the air by a sheriff's helicopter before being placed into an ambulance and taken to the hospital.

Highway 18 was closed for several hours after the fire broke out, but fire officials announced around 7 p.m. Monday that it had reopened.

Alcorido said Old Waterman Canyon Road remained closed, but noted that it will likely reopen soon.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation on Tuesday afternoon. San Bernardino Police Department spokeswoman Eileen Hards said police were working with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** to identify how it might have started.

Hards said that two people were detained in the area of the fire Monday afternoon, but they were not arrested.

<http://www.pe.com/2017/08/01/mile-fire-north-of-san-bernardino-is-50-percent-contained-holding-at-100-acres/>