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- HELICOPTER RESCUE -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. November 9, 2009 – At 3:36pm on Sunday November 8, 2009, Santa Barbara County Fire Department Helicopter-309 responded mutual aid at the request of Montecito Fire and the Forest Service for a hiker who fell off the Cold Springs Trail above Montecito. Santa Barbara County Fire Helicopter 309 responded with three Firefighter/Paramedics. Due to the remote location of the call, Helicopter-309 was the first unit to arrive on scene. Two Firefighter/Paramedics were hoisted from the helicopter approximately 100 feet down to the patient. The patient was a 15 year old female who had fallen approximately 40 feet into a creek bed, losing consciousness after hitting multiple rocks. Advanced Life Support was immediately started by the firefighters. The patient was placed in full spinal cord immobilization to prevent further injury. The patient was stabilized by firefighters, loaded into a stokes basket, and hoisted into the helicopter. The patient was flown to La Cumbre Jr. High and transferred to AMR for transport Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Santa Barbara County Fire, Montecito Fire, Los Padres Forest Service, and Search and Rescue all worked together to safely and efficiently extricate the patient from a dangerous location. Firefighters escorted six additional hikers back to the command post located at the Cold Spring trail-head.



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