



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject : Water Rescue

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At 0400 hours this morning Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a reported water rescue off King Salmon Rd. in King Salmon.

First arriving unit found a male subject in the water next to a dock. Humboldt County Sheriff deputies were on scene, holding onto the subject preventing him from drowning.

The subject was quickly removed from the water and found to be hypothermic. Re-warming was begun and patient care was transferred to City Ambulance who transported the patient to the hospital.

Upon our arrival members of the Humboldt Bay Fire water rescue team were equipped and ready had a swimming water rescue been needed.

The actions of the Sheriffs deputies saved the man's life. The patient was hypothermic and was unable to hold onto the dock. Had the Deputies not found the patient and secured him he would most likely have died from hypothermia or drowning.

The cold waters of Humboldt Bay can quickly lead to hypothermia. Citizens are urged to be cautious when in and around the Bay. Appropriate thermal protection and person flotation devices should be worn around Northcoast waters. Please use caution on slippery surfaces adjacent to the water.

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