

Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject: Water Rescue in Humboldt Bay, Waterfront Dr. at Samoa Bridge

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On Monday February 26th 2024 at 1602 hours Humboldt Bay Fire was dispatched to a Water Rescue in Humboldt Bay at the Samoa Bridge at Waterfront Drive. Humboldt Bay Fire responded with 1 Chief Officer, 3 Engines and 1 Truck. Initial reports indicated that a male subject had jumped off Samoa Bridge. HBF Engine 8114 arrived at the bridge and met with EPD who confirmed a subject was in the water behind a boat shed holding onto rocks.

Engine 8114, staffed with two rescue swimmers, immediately deployed into the water with a rescue board and swam towards the victim. One rescue swimmer from Truck 8181 stood back as back up for the swimmers already in the water, while the remainder of the Truck's crew stood by for medical care upon removal of the victim. The swimmers from E8114 contacted the victim who was conscious, hypothermic and in distress. The victim was loaded onto the rescue board and floated to a nearby dock, where patient care was transferred to City Ambulance. The victim was suffering from hypothermia and transported to St. Joseph Hospital by City Ambulance assisted by an HBF paramedic for transport. Other HBF units staged but were released shortly after arrival.

Humboldt Bay Fire would like to thank the Eureka Police Department and City Ambulance for their assistance.

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