



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject : HBF Water Rescue Team to Train with U.S.C.G., State, & Local Agencies

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Humboldt Bay Fire will be hosting an Open Water Rescuer Basic class on May 18, 19, and 20, 2021. Our instructors will be working in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and CA State Park Lifeguards to train other local departments and agencies in attendance. Four of Humboldt Bay Fire's own new Water Rescue Team members will be taking the course as well.

The multi-day training will take place in several locations including the Bonnie Gool Dock, Halverson Park, the foot of Del Norte Street, and other local beaches.

On Wednesday, May 19, between 1:00p.m. and 3:00p.m., the USCG will be landing one of their helicopters in Halverson park as part of the training exercise. As a safety precaution, we ask that the public avoid the immediate area of Halverson park during this time. There will be lookouts posted to remind people to stay out of dangerous areas.

With Station Humboldt Bay and Sector Humboldt Bay sandwiching HBF's jurisdiction, the USCG is a huge local partner for water-based rescue. Our agencies regularly respond cooperatively to water rescue calls, and we are grateful for their partnership in keeping our residents and waterways safe. Joint trainings such as this are important in keeping up each agencies skills and abilities to work together more efficiently on scene.

As you see emergency response resources around these areas during this time frame, please remember that these are training scenarios. As a reminder, 9-1-1 should only be used to report emergencies; any questions regarding fire department activity can be answered by our administrative office.

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