



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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**Subject :** Water Rescue Incident 7/31/2022

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On 7/31/2022 @ 0256hrs, Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a Water Rescue in Eureka. 3 Engines, 1 Truck and 1 Battalion Chief responded to a report of a water rescue at the foot of Truesdale Street, with a report of a subject in the water who had possibly overdosed on drugs. Upon arrival at that location, additional information had been obtained that the incident was at the foot of Hilfiker Lane and all units relocated to that area.

Once on scene, Humboldt Bay Fire made contact with a Eureka Police Department Watch Commander. The Watch Commander advised that there was a subject on the peninsula across from the mouth of the Elk River tributary. The subject had allegedly overdosed and was unable to cross the water channel for additional treatment.

Two rescue swimmers from Humboldt Bay Fire deployed with rescue boards and swam to the peninsula area. They searched the area and found the patient who was conscious but in an altered mental state. Humboldt Bay Fire personnel administered Narcan to the patient, which improved the patient's mental status and allowed the patient to be placed in a personal flotation device and on to a rescue board. The swimmers then paddled the patient to shore where additional fire and medical personnel treated the patient for signs of hypothermia and opiate overdose. The patient was transferred to City Ambulance for additional care.

During the call, the USCG was requested but was unable to access with a boat due to a low tide. The USCG helicopter was in the process of being briefed when the rescue was completed and the helicopter was then canceled.

Humboldt Bay Fire would like to thank Eureka Police Department, City Ambulance and USCG for their assistance in mitigating this incident.