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First responders conduct multiple rescues Wednesday

First responders conducted multiple rescues on Wednesday in the North Shore and Kōke'e areas.

Firefighters were notified of the first report of an injured 30-year-old female near Kalalau Beach.

Personnel with the Hanalei fire station, Rescue 3, Air 1, and American Medical Response responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, first responders received a call at approximately 10:40 a.m. of a 30-year-old female with a back injury at Kalalau Beach.

First responders arrived on scene at 11:15 a.m., loaded the hiker upon Air 1, and transported her to awaiting firefighters and AMR personnel at a landing zone at Princeville Airport.

AMR personnel continued treatment on the hiker before transporting her to a local hospital.

The scene was cleared at approximately 12 p.m.

First responders responded to the second incident at approximately 12:50 p.m. involving a distressed swimmer at Larson's Beach in Moloa'a.

Personnel with the Hanalei and Kaiakea fire stations, Ocean Safety Bureau North Roving Ski Patrol, Rescue 3, and Air 1 responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, first responders arrived on scene at 1:10 p.m. and located the female swimmer who made it on the beach with the assistance of another person.

The female visitor from Massachusetts declined medical treatment.

The scene was cleared at approximately 1:40 p.m.

The final rescue involved a Minnesota visitor near Waipoʻo Falls in Kōkeʻe.

According to a preliminary reporter, at approximately 1:50 p.m., first responders received a report of a 69-year-old hiker in distress near Waipoʻo Falls in Kōkeʻe.

The Waimea fire station, Rescue 3, Air 1, and American Medical Response responded to the incident.

First responders arrived on scene at approximately 2 p.m. and located the hiker – who appeared dehydrated and displayed early signs of heatstroke – near Waipoʻo Falls. First responders short-hauled her utilizing Air 1 and transported the hiker to a landing zone to awaiting first responders and AMR personnel.

AMR personnel continued medical treatment on the hiker before transporting her to the Kauaʻi Veterans Memorial Hospital emergency room.

First responders cleared the scene at approximately 3:20 p.m.

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