



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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"RCFD Crews Assist Injured Hiker Out of Canyon"

Rancho Cucamonga, CA – At approximately 12:50 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, Rancho Cucamonga firefighters responded to a reported injured hiker in Cucamonga Canyon above Rancho Cucamonga.

The hiker was able to text a family member for help after falling and realizing he couldn't walk, but unable to give his exact location. With the help from San Bernardino County Sheriff's 40 King helicopter, the hiker and his three dogs were located at the end of the Cucamonga Canyon hiking trail. Rancho Cucamonga Firefighters and Paramedics quickly reached the hiker and assisted him out of the canyon with an off-road vehicle, while RC Animal Care & Services staff helped with the dogs. The hiker was treated for a minor leg injury and sought further medical attention on his own.

In August 2013, the San Bernardino National Forest closed Cucamonga Canyon, which includes "Sapphire Falls," to all public use due to extreme fire danger resulting from severe drought conditions. A new Forest Order was issued in April 2014, opening the trail only from Big Tree Road to the stream crossing. The hiker involved in this incident was not trespassing in the closure area.

About the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District: Rancho Cucamonga is located approximately 35 miles east of Los Angeles, at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains, and is home to more than 170,000 residents. The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District provides vital fire and life safety services to residents, visitors and businesses in a 50 square mile area. Stay informed with Rancho Cucamonga Fire District activities by visiting us at www.RCFire.org, following us on Twitter (@RCFD_pio) and liking us on Facebook (Facebook.com/Rancho-Cucamonga-Fire-District).

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