First responders rescue hiker, swimmers on Tuesday

First responders conducted an air rescue in Kōkeʻe and a water rescue in Poʻipū on Tuesday.

According to a preliminary report, firefighters were notified of a 62-year-old male visitor suffering from possible dehydration and heat stroke on the Kukui Trail in Kōkeʻe at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Firefighters from the Waimea fire station, Rescue 3 aboard Air 1, the on-duty Battalion Chief, and personnel with American Medical Response responded to the incident.

Firefighters arrived on scene at approximately 3 p.m. Because of the terrain, Rescue 3 aboard Air 1 was activated and arrived in Kōkeʻe at 3:20 p.m. Rescue 3 aboard Air 1 located the hiker 1.5 miles into the Kukui Trail, secured him via short-haul and air rescue vest, and transported the visitor to awaiting firefighters and AMR personnel to a landing zone near the trailhead.

AMR personnel treated the hiker and transported him to a local hospital.

The scene was cleared at 4 p.m.

The second incident occurred in Poʻipū in waters off Sheraton Beach.

Firefighters with the Kōloa fire station, Ocean Safety Bureau personnel with the South Roving Ski Patrol, the on-duty Battalion Chief, and AMR personnel responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, at approximately 5:15 p.m., firefighters with the Kōloa fire were dispatched to a surf rescue involving three individuals.
Firefighters with Truck 4 and Ladder 4 arrived on the scene at 5:20 p.m. and discovered that OSB personnel with the South Roving Ski Patrol rescued a female visitor. Two other swimmers were in distress, approximately 100 yards in waters off the western end of the beach. OSB personnel rescued one swimmer, while Truck 4 personnel – using a rescue board and fins – rescued another swimmer.

All swimmers declined medical support from AMR personnel on the scene.

The scene was cleared at 5:40 p.m.

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