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Four rescued at 'Anini Beach

'ANINI – Lifeguards and firefighters rescued four individuals from extremely rough surf off Anini Beach on Wednesday.

A roving lifeguard unit was making checks in the area at around noon, when they received a call of two snorkelers in distress. As the lifeguards were preparing to launch a jet ski, fire personnel also arrived to the scene to assist.

According to ocean safety officials, two female visitors were snorkeling in waters off Anini Beach. The women were equipped with boogie boards but not fins and the strong current pulled them out past the surf break. Lifeguards reported stormy conditions and waves of up to 25 feet.

While bystanders called 911, two Good Samaritans each grabbed a rescue tube, which were posted along the beach, and attempted to assist. The two men with the rescue tubes then ran into trouble in the dangerous surf. The group huddled together and used the boards and rescue tubes to stay afloat.

Rescuers assisted all four of the individuals safely back to shore. No one in the group required medical attention and no injuries were reported.

The Ocean Safety Bureau began its roving ocean rescue team in 2012. The unit acts as a mobile lifeguard tower and consists of a team of two to three lifeguards, equipped with a 4x4 truck, a jet ski and a trailer. The mobile unit patrols various beaches to assist with ocean

rescues and prevention efforts. They have been focusing on the North Shore this week due to the dangerous ocean conditions.

No Swimming signs were posted along Anini Beach today because of the high surf. Ocean Safety officials would like to remind the public of a High Surf Warning that remains in effect for all north and west facing shores.

Beachgoers should obey all posted warning signs and when in doubt, don't go out!

For up-to-date information about ocean conditions, please speak to a county lifeguard, log onto www.kauaiexplorer.com, or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984.

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