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Hikers rescued from Makaleha Falls

KAPA'A – Firefighters responded to two calls of hikers in distress on Thursday night, both near Makaleha Falls in Kapa'a.

Police Dispatch was notified of the first incident shortly after 6:45 p.m., when three hikers reported they were lost and stranded on the Makaleha Falls trail. At the time, one of the hikers reported being severely cold and that she could not feel her legs.

While on their way to respond, firefighters from the Kaiākea fire station received a second call of two other hikers also lost on the trail. The two hikers had joined the first group of hikers at their location.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., firefighters set out to hike the trail and by 8:50 p.m. they discovered the five hikers at their pinged location.

All hikers were able to walk out of the trail on their own with the guidance of the firefighters, and safely arrived at the trailhead at approximately 9:45 p.m.

The five hikers, all visitors from California and New York, did not report any injuries to officials and declined further medical treatment.

All individuals left the scene in their private vehicles.

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