



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### Hiker rescued from Kōke'e on Saturday

KŌKE'E – Firefighters rescued a stranded hiker from Kōke'e on Saturday morning.

On Friday, at approximately 9:30 p.m., dispatch received a call from a hiker from Washington who became stranded on Haele'ele Ridge in Kōke'e and ran out of water. Hiker was advised to remain in place and call dispatch in the morning, so firefighters could form a plan of rescue.

Hiker called dispatch at approximately 6:40 a.m. on Saturday, and firefighters from Waimea Fire Station was en route to Kōke'e shortly after 7:20 a.m.

At approximately 8:50 a.m., firefighters assessed that the road to get to the hiker was inaccessible due to the deep potholes and slick conditions. Air 1 was then deployed.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., four personnel aboard Air 1 located the stranded hiker and transported him to awaiting medics at the end of Kaumuali'i Highway in Mānā. The hiker refused medical treatment, and was given water by awaiting medics.

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