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No injuries reported following multiple rescues during Flash Flood Warning on Wednesday

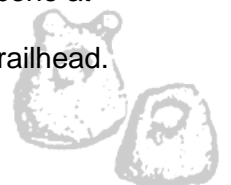
No injuries were reported after firefighters responded to multiple rescue calls on Christmas day during the Flash Flood Warning on Kaua'i.

Shortly after 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Kaiākea firefighters were dispatched to a distressed female who reported being trapped in her car due to flood waters on Hauaala Road in Kapa'a. While enroute to the scene, the woman reported to Police Dispatch that water was rising fast around her vehicle. Rescuers advised the woman to open her window and climb onto the roof of her vehicle. Once on scene, personnel located the woman on top her vehicle which was surrounded by approximately 4 feet of fast-moving water. Firefighters used a rescue board, along with a rescue tube and fins and proceeded towards the woman. The woman was brought safely back to the non-flooded area of the road. She did not sustain any injuries.

Additionally, at around 7 a.m., Hanapēpē firefighters were dispatched to Hanapēpē Valley for a report of three people trapped on top of the roof of a structure due to flood waters. Once on scene, firefighters used a floatation device and surf board to bring all individuals to safety. No injuries were reported.

Firefighters were notified at approximately 1:30 p.m. of a person who reported having difficulty breathing on the Nonou-East Trail, also known as Sleeping Giant, in Wailua.

Rescue 3 aboard Air 1, and firefighters from the Kapa'a fire station, arrived on scene at approximately 1:40 p.m. and located a 60-year-old female hiker nearly 1 mile from the trailhead.



Kapa'a firefighters hiked to the patient and Rescue 3 personnel used an Air Rescue Vest (ARV) to safely airlift her to a nearby landing zone at Wailua Houselots Park. The hiker refused further treatment from awaiting AMR personnel. Firefighters cleared the scene at approximately 2:45 p.m.

A Flash Flood Warning was in effect for Kaua'i from approximately 4 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, closing major roads due to flooding conditions, along with fallen trees, utility lines, and debris. All roads have since been reopened.



Photo: Air 1 and Rescue 3 personnel launch from the Wailua Houselots Park on Wednesday as they prepare to conduct a rescue along the Sleeping Giant trail.

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