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## **News Release**

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### **Man airlifted from Kalepa Ridge trail on Tuesday**

LĪHU'E – Firefighters responded to a man in distress Tuesday afternoon along the Kalepa Ridge trail in Līhu'e.

At approximately 4:50 p.m., first responders were notified of a 24-year-old male resident who was having difficulty breathing along the Kalepa Ridge trail.

Rescue 3 personnel were dispatched to the scene. Soon after their arrival, they discovered the man had lost consciousness and was in severe distress. Rescuers quickly airlifted the man to a landing zone at Nukoli'i Beach near Kaua'i Beach Resort, where awaiting Kapa'a firefighters and AMR medics provided additional support.

AMR medics provided advanced life support while transporting the man to Wilcox Medical Center. The man was later medevacked to O'ahu where he currently remains in critical condition.

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