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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to Injured Mountain Biker in Trail System

On Tuesday morning at 7:31 a.m. Falmouth Fire-EMS was called to the report of an injured mountain biker who was on a trail off Blackstrap Road. Falmouth Ambulance 2 responded. In route, the ambulance crew requested Utility 4 and Utility 5, the side-by-side UTV, to respond from Station 4 with extra personnel.

Captain Colin Shea responded to the scene from Central Station along with 2 of the fulltime FF/EMS who responded to Station 4. At Station 4 they met up with 2 members of the call company and the group took Utility 4 and Utility 5 to the scene.

Ambulance 2 arrived on scene at 7:43 a.m. and hiked into the woods known as the North Falmouth Community Forest with medical supplies to meet up with the patient. Luckily, the mountain biker was not riding alone, so a family member was able to meet the EMS crew at the trail head and guide them to the patient. It is estimated that the patient was between ¼ and ½ mile into the woods on the trail.

Captain Shea arrived on scene and set up a command post on Blackstrap Road. The crews from Station 4 arrived and prepared both the UTV and the wheel and stokes for use if needed. The Ambulance 2 crew reported that the trail was too narrow for the UTV but requested that the wheel and stokes be started in. Captain Shea had crews turn on their locations using the I Am Responding software program that tracks responders to calls. He was able to track all teams with their GPS locations from the command post.

The Ambulance 2 crew met up with the patient after an 11-minute hike. The patient was treated and when the wheel and stokes team arrived, the patient was put on the stokes and wheeled down the trail to the ambulance at the trail head. The patient was brought out of the woods 45 minutes after the initial call and was transported to the hospital.

The Falmouth Police Department assisted the Falmouth Fire-EMS crews on scene.

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