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### MCAS Yuma Marines Rescue Stranded Hiker

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (June 08, 2013)** – Search and Rescue Marines responded to a call from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office dispatch at 12:21 p.m. Saturday.

The information available at time of notification was that a group of six people was out hiking when one of the members climbed to up to a point where he did not feel comfortable climbing down. No injuries were reported. The stranded hiker's vehicle was reported to be in the vicinity of Castle Dome.

An aircrew of three Marines and a Navy corpsman departed MCAS Yuma for the Castle Dome area less than an hour later, and arrived on the scene by 1:40 p.m. after conducting a short linear search along Castle Dome Road where the hiker's vehicle was spotted by the aircrew. No other agencies were on scene upon arrival.

The crew made contact with the five hikers who were not stranded and who were located at their vehicle to learn the location and condition of the stranded hiker.

The stranded hiker was located on the side of a 500-foot-tall rock structure, approximately 400 feet high. He was on a small sloping ledge on a rock face. The rescue corpsman rappelled to the stranded hiker, remained hooked up to the aircraft, and then hooked up to the hiker with a rescue strop. A short haul technical rescue was conducted to a location near the base of the rock structure.

By 2:15 p.m., the aircraft was shut down and the corpsman conducted a medical assessment of the hiker. The hiker, a 22 year old male, was showing symptoms of heat exhaustion. Necessary medical attention was administered and the hiker was transported to Yuma Regional Medical Center for further attention.

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