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MCAS YUMA SAR ASSISTS IN MEDEVAC

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (July 12, 2016) – The Search and Rescue (SAR) team from MCAS Yuma assisted in recovering one responsive and three unresponsive individuals suffering from severe dehydration, in extremely rough terrain, south east of Ajo, Ariz., Tuesday.

The MCAS Yuma SAR team, consisting of three Marines and two Navy corpsmen, responded to a call at approximately 12:11 a.m. from the Border Patrol and Pima County Sheriff's Department via emergency dispatch requesting hoist support for four individuals. The SAR aircraft departed MCAS Yuma and made contact with the requesting agencies at the rescue site at 2:21 a.m.

A casualty collection point was established approximately a mile away from the rescue site where a Navy corpsman from the SAR team stood by to provide patient care.

Between 3:31 and 5:15 a.m., the SAR team conducted three hoist operations. A Navy corpsman was inserted into the rescue site via rappel to stabilize the patients, who were then hoisted onto the aircraft and delivered to the casualty collection point. The first and most critical patient was transferred to a Phoenix Sheriff's department helicopter and flown to Phoenix. Two more patients were extracted and transferred to the Yuma Regional Medical Center at approximately 6:25 a.m. One individual hiked out of the rescue site with the help of Border Patrol personnel. The SAR team landed back at MCAS Yuma at 6:36 a.m.

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