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News Release

Four teens were rescued from a steep cliff near the Idlehour Trail, located in the San Gabriel Mountains, in the Angeles National Forest.

A few minutes after 1:00 P.M., on Thursday, June 19, 2014, a crew of five deputy personnel from Aero Bureau and the Emergency Services Detail responded to the area in the Air Rescue-5 helicopter to rescue the youths, who were stranded on the side of a steep mountain.

As the helicopter hovered at the side of the mountain, one of the crew members, a deputy paramedic, donned a harness and was hoisted down to the stranded hikers. He plucked each hiker from the cliff using a rescue strop and deposited them into the helicopter. The entire rescue took about ten minutes.

After each hiker was safe inside the airship, they were flown to Charles S. Farnsworth Park in Altadena, where they received medical attention. One hiker incurred minor injuries and was treated at the park.

It was discovered the group visited the area to hike the Idlehour Trail but wandered off and found themselves in a precarious position. It wasn't until they climbed so high up the mountain that they realized it was far more dangerous to descend than they anticipated. Fortunately, the climbers had a cell phone with a signal and were able to articulate their location to responders.

Emergency Services Detail is a component of the Special Enforcement Detail.

The Air-5 Rescue helicopter crew and the eight Search and Rescue teams of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department average about 350 search and rescue missions every year, making it one of the most active counties for search and rescue missions in the nation.

Enjoy Nature - Plan your Hike by filling out the Sheriff's Department's Hiking Plan Sheet:

Hiking/Camping is a fun way to get family and friends together to enjoy the outdoors, and to get some physical activity. However, you should always be prepared for the unexpected. You should tell family and friends what your plans are and provide a list of who will be going with you. That's why the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would like to remind the residents of Los Angeles County that having a hiking / camping plan is crucial to survival in case of an emergency.

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