



## STARR

### After Action Review Water Rescue

7000 Holland Tract

Knightson, CA

CCRFCC INC # 18071551

July 13, 2018

#### **Crew:**

Pilot – John Myers

TFO – Mike Ireland

SRGT – Ryan Borkert

Fire Cpt./Medic – Jamie Smart

#### **Times:**

Lifted/Responding: 12:44

On-Scene: 12:58

First Patient Contact: 12:59

Cleared: 13:38

#### **Location:**

On a levee near 7000 Holland Tract Rd

#### **Nature of the Call:**

Report of a boat that had crashed into the levee. Potential female passenger that was trapped between the boat and the levee.

#### **Narrative:**

Sheriff's Helicopter STARR3 located the boat near Holland Tract and Franks Tract. Captain/Paramedic Smart and Sergeant Borkert were deployed to the scene from a landing spot on the levee approximately 40 yards from the incident. The boat was on the rocks leaning towards the water at an extreme angle. Captain/Paramedic Smart accessed the single victim from the water. She was found sitting in the passenger seat of the boat less than 6" from the water line. The victim had a possible left forearm fracture and multiple avulsions. She also had right foot pain and diffuse lower back pain. Captain Paramedic Smart began treatment of her injuries as the helicopter landed in a safe location to set up for short haul. The boat was at too extreme of an angle for her to climb out especially given her injuries. A rope rescue system to raise her up the levee would have required multiple rescuers to be in the water and a significant exposure time for the patient in the water. Ultimately the most effective means to extricate the patient with the least amount of stress was to short haul the victim from the water using the helicopter.

The victim was secured with a personal flotation device and placed in a position of comfort prior to guiding her into the water. Engine 53 assisted placing the patient in a Baumen Bag to be lifted for a short haul. The Helicopter then lifted Captain Smart with the victim and placed them safely on the levee. The victim experienced limited movement to her injured area and her water exposure was less than 4 minutes. Medical care was transferred to Reach 3 Air Ambulance flights medics.

For any additional question feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

Jamie Smart  
Fire Captain