



COASTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

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HALF MOON BAY, CA – Last night, two people who had been watching the sunset from Miramontes beach got trapped in a cave by the rising tide near the Ritz Carlton. Even though the cell signal was weak, they were able to call 911.

Just after 9:15pm, firefighters with Coastside Fire Protection District arrived and set up a rope system from the top of the bluff to back up the rescue swimmer from California State Parks. The CHP brought in a helicopter and the Pillar Point Harbor Master arrived with a rescue vessel. They both provided backup, light, and safety for the rescue swimmer.

The CA State Park swimmer was able to reach the two people, and rescued them one by one using a paddleboard, bringing them to the beach so they could be medically evaluated by firefighter/paramedics.

This is a great reminder that the ocean is powerful, and people should be aware of the changing tides. We are grateful to have such strong partners in CA State Parks, the Pillar Point Harbor Master, and the CHP!

Additional photos can be found at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/sanmateosantacruzcalfire/>



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