



**Kneeland Volunteer Fire Protection District (KVFPD)**  
**6201 Greenwood Hgts. Dr. Kneeland Ca. 95549**  
**Incident Reporting**

On 01/05/2016 at 2245 hours, Kneeland Fire Protection District was dispatched to a(n) 542 Animal rescue at 6890 Greenwood Hgts Drive.

En Route Time was 2250.

Arrival Time was 2256.

In Service Time was 0159.

Officer In Charge- Chief Rick Hardin.

Weather Conditions- Windy with periods of rain

Time of Day-Late evening dark no moon

Details of incident 00149 can be found below.

Continuation of HUU00148

After KFPD Chief returned to qtrs. from same call terminated by calling party a half hour previous, KFPD Chief contacted calling party to follow-up and make sure everything was okay with their dog.

The dog's owner stated the reason they cancelled the original call was they were unsure how much it was going to cost for KFPD to respond. Dogs Owner was advised there was no cost and KFPD is a Volunteer Fire Department and if they needed help KFPD would respond. The dogs owner stated they still needed help and requested KFPD to respond. At that time a second page was sent out to KFPD Volunteers.

KFPD Respond with one Chief, One engine crew of one Capt. and four firefighters

Upon arrival RP stated their large approx. 150lb. Mastiff dog had been left over a steep embankment trail behind their house about a 1/4 mile down. He stated he did not think the dog was injured but was elderly and suffered unknown hip issues and would not stand up or make the climb up the hill. The dog owner stated they had tried to get some of his friends to help but they would not be available till early morning. The dog's owner was advised that this is not what we normally do, nor do we have animal rescue equipment but we would try to help if we could.

The dog's owner stated he had made previous trips to the dog's location but they were unsuccessful and unable to lift the dog for evacuation.

A KFPD descending team included one Capt. and 4 firefighters with a "Basket Stokes" and webbing. The Chief and one firefighter remained at the top of the hill in case more equipment was needed.

Report from KFPD Officer in charge of descending team:

As KFPD team descended it became clear that the animal's location was much further than the dog's owner had originally reported. The terrain was extremely steep, elevations, multiple drops, chuck holes and in total darkness. Guided by the dog's owner, it took over an hour for the team to gain access to the dog's location. Despite attempts to evacuate the dog in the stokes, the severity of the incline and dangerous conditions of the ascending trail, darkness and limited number of personnel prevented the evac of the dog. The team did not want to jeopardize any additional injury to the dog. It was discussed to possibly find an adjacent trail going downhill in order to evac. the dog. Two KFPD FF attempted to locate alternative trails but unsuccessful. It was decided to terminate the evacuation due to the conditions and for the safety of the dog. KFPD relocated the dog about 150' to a safer location. The dog's owner provided blankets and tenting for the dog's overnight stay. KFPD agreed to leave wire rescue "STOKES" basket and strapping at the dogs location for the dog owners to use the next morning during daylight hours when a safer evacuation could be made by owner and friends.

Kneeland units terminated the call and returned to qtrs.