

Coast Guard Auxiliary Renders Assistance To 2-Year-Old Girl Run Over At Launch Ramp

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(PRWEB) August 2, 2005 -- Coast Guard Auxiliarists from Flotilla 33 11NR rendered first aid and served as first responders when a 2 year-old- girl was run over by her father at the Granite Bay launch ramp on Folsom Lake, yesterday.

At approximately 915 PDT, AUX vessel 221045 was bringing a distressed vessel (its 4th case of the day) into the dock, and was preparing to secure their patrol when they hear screams from several people shore side. Several people started yelling for us to come and assist as someone had been injured at the launch ramp.

The coxswain, Don Enos, directed his crew, Ed and Leanne Sweeney, who quickly moored the disabled vessel and headed to the other part of the launch ramp where the accident occurred. Several people were trying to call 911 on their cell phones, but weren't getting through (it is a poor cell site), or were on hold with CHP dispatch (all cell phone 911 calls in CA go to the CHP dispatch). After mooring their own vessel safely, the Auxiliarists responded to the launch ramp and took charge of the scene as first responders. They rendered basic first aid, and quickly called the direct phone number to the Folsom Lake State Parks Dispatch, and requested EMS and Park Rangers to control the crowd of angry boaters, some of whom were irritated that a portion of the launch ramp and docks were tied up for the accident.

State Park Rangers and life guards responded to the scene, as well as South Placer County Fire and Rescue, who transported the little girl to Sutter Roseville Trauma Center, where she was treated for several cuts, abrasions, and possible head and neck injuries. Her condition remains unknown.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is composed of uniformed, non-military volunteer's who assist the Coast Guard in all of its varied missions, except for military and direct law enforcement. These men and women can be found on the nation's waterways, in the air, in classrooms and on the dock, performing Maritime Domain Awareness patrols, safety patrols, vessel safety checks and public education.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated as the Auxiliary in 1941. Its 30,000 members donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions.

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