

Lost Hiker Rescued!

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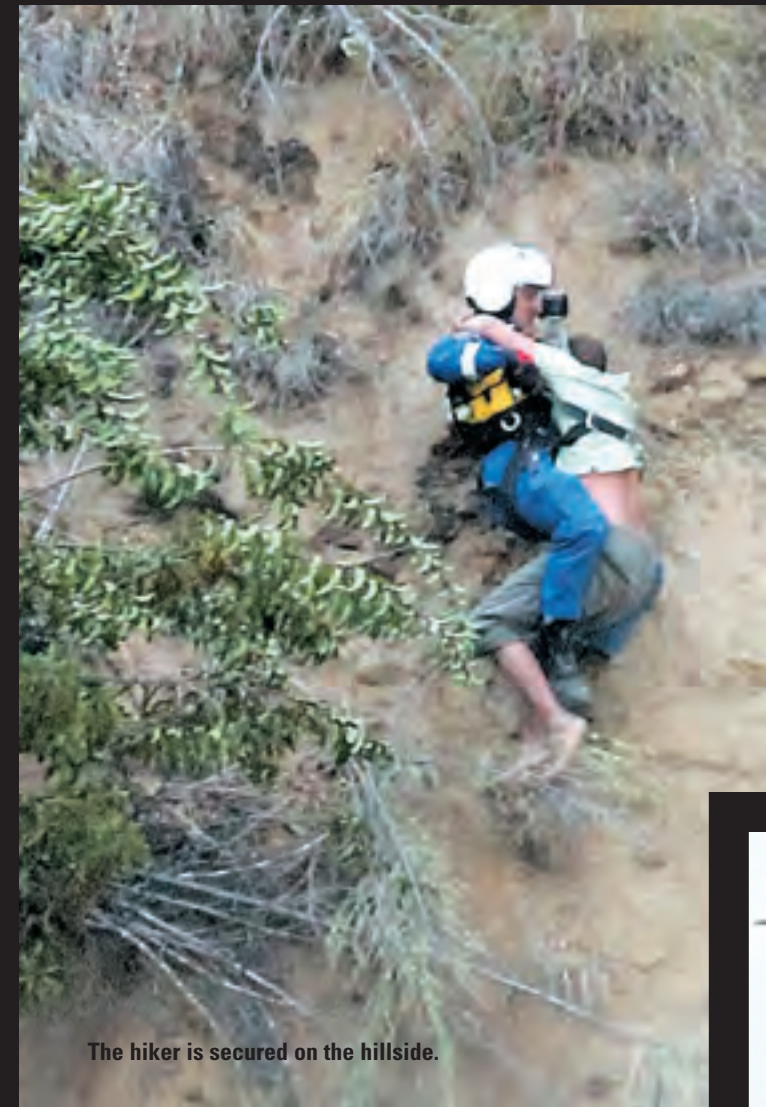
On Jan. 15, the LAFD's air and ground operations went to work... and saved the day.

An unidentified lost hiker, 33, in the vicinity of Stony Point, 11500 Topanga Canyon Blvd. in Chatsworth, used his cell phone to call for help.

The LAFD used both helicopter and ground searchers from Fire Station 96 beginning at about 1 p.m., according to the Matt Spence, LAFD spokesman. The LAFD's air operations are based at Fire Station 114 at the Van Nuys Airport.

The hiker was rescued about 30 minutes later, was hoisted aboard a rescue helicopter, evaluated, and released uninjured, according to Spence.

Congratulations to the brave LAFD crew! And we're glad to hear the hiker was uninjured.



The hiker is secured on the hillside.





A job well done!



The hiker is hoisted into LAFD Air Operations 5.



Safely on the ground again.



The rescue was dramatic and deep within the canyon.