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Firefighters Rescue 15-year-old from Dungeness River

On Friday, September 28, 2023 at 6:29 pm, Clallam County Fire District #3 was dispatched by PenCom Dispatch Center to the area of Palo Alto Road for a reported 15 year-old male with a dislocated knee.

Medic 37, from the Blyn Fire Station, arrived to find that the reporting party had driven to this location to report the injury and the patient was located at the Dungeness Forks Campground up on Forest Service Rd 2880. Medic 37 arrived at that location and discovered that the patient was actually lying on a small island in the middle of the Dungeness River. Medic 37 crew donned personal flotation devices and waded across to begin treatment and stabilization.

The Clallam County Fire District #3 Technical Rescue Team was dispatched to assist with a well-coordinated extrication plan. The patient was treated on scene for his injuries, packaged into a Stokes Litter, and was carried through knee-high water to the stretcher waiting on the opposite side of the river.

In total, 11 Fire District #3 responders were on scene and 2 from Olympic Ambulance. The patient was transported to Olympic Medical Center without further incident.

CCFD#3 wants to remind the community that although beautiful, rivers can be dangerous places. Be prepared by using personal flotation devices, aware of hypothermia, and have a plan in case of emergency. For a list of Technical Rescue services we provide, please visit our website at ccfd3.org.

Questions may be directed to Battalion Chief, Chris Turner at (360) 683-4242. Ext. 132.

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