

**Preliminary Summary Report of Serious or Near Serious
CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses and Accidents**



BLUE SHEET

Copter 205 Power Loss

September 12, 2021

Vina

21-CA-TGU-011171

California Northern Region

SUMMARY

While conducting hoist rescue training just east of Vina Helitack Base, S-70i C-205 experienced a loss of power in one of two engines. The aircraft began to descend with a rescuer attached to the hoist hook causing the rescuer to contact the ground. The aircraft began to gain elevation bringing the rescuer to approximately 15 feet above ground level. Due to the power loss, the aircraft began to settle again. For the safety of the rescuer, the cable cut switch was engaged shearing the cable and rescuer from the hoist. The rescuer received minor cuts and bruises and was transported to the hospital for medical evaluation. The rescuer was released from the hospital later the same day. Copter 205 was able to land without sustaining any damage, the loss of power to one of the engines is currently being investigated.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

No recommendations were identified in the first 12 hours after the incident.