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NEWS RELEASE

COMSAR RESCUE AT FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN

Search and Rescue units respond to an injured hiker rescue call

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 09:14 a.m. on Sunday, February 4th, 2018, the El Paso Fire Department responded to an emergency call about an injured hiker at 1700 McKinley Avenue.

Units arrived on scene at 09:23 a.m. Crew personnel found that a 49-year-old, female hiker had lost balance and broke her ankle. COMSAR units stabilized and secured the patient in a rescue basket and began their descent. Crew members arrived with the patient to the Wyler Aerial Tramway's parking lot at 12:34 p.m.

The patient refused to be transferred to the hospital in an ambulance and left with her group.

5 units and 17 crew members participated in the rescue. No crew members were injured.

El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public always to follow safety guidelines when hiking, preferably be with a group or at least one other person, and leave word of your destination and schedule.

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