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Hiker Rescued near Top of Arthur's Rock Trail– June 12, 2019

Poudre Fire Authority was dispatched to Arthur's Rock Trail in Lory State Park at 11:37 a.m. today. Engine 7 arrived at the scene at 11:58 slightly after the UCHealth medical unit. A hiker had suffered a leg injury, potentially a broken bone, near the top of the 1.7 mile trail that ends at about 7,000 ft. of elevation.

Two paramedics with the Engine 7 crew raced to the top. More responders carried additional equipment such as the litter to carry the patient. Upon reaching the patient, responders helped to stabilize and prepare them for transportation to a landing zone about 200 yards up the trail where a helicopter was ready. The patient left the ground in the helicopter at 1:38 p.m.

Aerial evacuation is not always the best option. The Battalion Chief on scene reviewed a map of the area and the circumstances to decide how best to proceed. Larimer County and Colorado Parks and Wildlife are incredibly helpful especially when it comes to pinpointing locations. "We rely on their expertise and knowledge in order to devise the best plan possible," said the battalion chief. They are sometimes able to get to the scene first and know the area and trails incredibly well.

Responders also helped to make sure the other hikers were safe and able to return to the trail head.

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