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## **Off-duty Firefighter Helps Rescue Injured Teen**

The Station 4 crew was dispatched to a medical call yesterday at 11:30 a.m. involving an injured biker on Blue Sky Trail. Another firefighter was soon involved, but from the other side. Off-duty firefighter Chris Hewitt was biking the trail when he came upon the 14-year-old patient and their dad. The dad had already called 911 and responders were on the way, but locating patients on trails or in any natural area setting can be difficult. Hewitt spoke directly with dispatchers to help pinpoint the location.

Meanwhile, the Station 4 crew had retrieved the Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) kept at Station 9, less than half a mile from the Blue Sky Trailhead. They drove down Rim Rock Trail and then cut cross country to Blue Sky Trail. Meanwhile, Hewitt had provided medical attention to the biker who suffered a head laceration, but was thankfully able to walk. Hewitt walked with the patient north along the trail as the Station 4 crew made their way in the UTV from the south. The two parties connected on Blue Sky Trail. "That's why we're here," said Hewitt about the call to service during his bike ride.

The patient was transported back to the dead end of Rim Rock Trail where a UCHealth ambulance was waiting. The patient was transported by ambulance to the trailhead where their dad and bike were waiting. The crew captain had ridden the patient's bike back to the trailhead so they did not have to retrieve it later.

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