



# Golder Ranch Fire District

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## CATALINA MAN BADLY INJURED AFTER FALL FROM HORSE

At approximately 1245 this afternoon, Golder Ranch Fire District Fire Fighters and Paramedics responded to the 3700 block of East Rollins for a patient complaining of shoulder pain. When they arrived on scene, they discovered a 73 year old gentleman with serious injuries after falling from a horse. It was during the examination that Paramedics discovered the lack of air moving in and out of the patient's lung on the right side. It was this discovery that lead personnel to request a helicopter for transport.

Arizona Life Line 1 was dispatched from Saint Mary's hospital and while en route to the scene, Golder Ranch Paramedics performed a needle decompression of the patient's chest. This allowed trapped air in the lung to escape and improve air exchange. The patient was transported by helicopter to UMC in critical condition.

Golder Ranch Fire District would like to remind everyone to be safe when engaging in activities such as hiking or horseback riding. Make sure that you properly hydrate, inform others of your route and planned duration, and be sure to take a mobile phone. For other safety tips, please visit our website at [www.grfdaz.gov](http://www.grfdaz.gov).

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