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## Riverside Police Helicopter Aids with River Rescues

On Thursday 11/21/2013, at 7:30 PM the Riverside Police and Fire Dispatch Center received reports of subjects stranded in the Santa Ana River Bottom after flash floods. The Riverside Police Helicopter responded to assist Riverside Fire Swift Water Rescue units and San Bernardino County Sheriff Air support.

The Riverside Police Helicopter quickly located several stranded subjects using its FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared Camera). They were able to then coordinate Riverside Fire Crews and San Bernardino Sheriff Air who conducted a hoist rescue. The Riverside Police Helicopter then made a landing on a sand bar and helped Riverside Fire rescue seven more stranded subjects. By the end of the evening the Police Helicopter and its crew located and aided in the rescue of seven subjects and their dogs.

Without the ability of the crew and equipment of the helicopter the location and rescue of these citizens would have taken vital time that could have resulted in injury or death.

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