



Breaking News

Date: July 23, 2013

Monday evening, July 22, BIFD Aid 21 was dispatched to the City dock in Eagle Harbor for two patients suffering from hypothermia. When units arrived, they determined two other people were trapped on a navigation beacon at the mouth of Eagle Harbor. The incident was upgraded to a water rescue. All four persons were kayaking when their boats overturned.

With the assistance of the BIPD, the Coast Guard, and private boaters, BIFD Marine 21 was able to locate and rescue the two other kayakers off the beacon, where they had climbed up a ladder to get out of the water. One person required a rope rescue to be safely lowered from the platform to the waiting rescue boat.

Marine 21 transported one patient to shore and the other patient was transported to shore by the USCG. After evaluation by BIFD, one patient was airlifted to a Seattle hospital, one patient was transported by Bainbridge Ambulance to a local hospital and two refused treatment.