

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## SBCoFD FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO RESCUE AT SCANDIA

**Date/Time:** April 8, 2018, 9:24 PM

Location: Scandia Family Fun Park, 12627 Mariposa, Victorville

**Incident:** Rescue #18-072259

**Summary:** San Bernardino County Fire responded to a possible Rescue at Scandia Family Fun Park in the City of Victorville. Upon arrival Medic Engine 313 found two occupants stuck at the highest point of the Sky Screamer Ride.

The trapped riders were a 20 and 14 year old male. They were restrained in an upright position approximately 160 feet up at its most vertical position. Exposure to the elements were a factor with temperatures in the mid 50's and reports of both males being wet from a previous ride.

Firefighters worked with park mechanics to trouble shoot the system and developed various rescue options. Due to the height in reaching a lower platform which contained additional controls, a 100' ladder truck was requested along with one of County Fires Heavy Rescues which brings a team of specially trained personnel to aid in the rescue.

After approximately 45 minutes the ride was lowered in a controlled decent down to the off-loading platform at the base of the ride. Both riders were removed and evaluated by onscene Paramedics. In all, County Fire responded with two Medic Engines, two Trucks, one Heavy Rescue, and one Chief Officer for a total of 18 personnel. Both occupants were evaluated however not transported to the hospital.

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