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County Fire Rescues Accident Victims

Date/Time: May 17th, 2015 5:47 a.m.

Location: State Hwy 138 and Hess Rd near Phelan Ca

Incident: Traffic Collision with Ejections and Fatalities

Summary:

Just before 6 a.m. On Sunday May 17th, 2015 San Bernardino County Fire received numerous reports of a traffic collision with extrication and possible people ejected on State Highway 138 near Hess Rd. County Fire responded with three-paramedic engine companies, three paramedic ambulances and two battalion chiefs for a total of 17 County Fire personnel. First arriving units reported a head on traffic collision with two vehicles involved and both sustaining major damage.

County Fire Paramedics conducted triage and assessment of injured victims and determined there was a total of 4 critical injuries and 1 fatality. Patients were triaged and transported off scene based on severity of injury. Crews also secured the vehicles of any hazards and established a safe working area on the roadway while patient care was being performed.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol. County Fire would like to remind travelers that seatbelts should always be worn while in a moving vehicle. Seatbelts save lives!

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