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Rescue Personnel Assist Injured Hiker

Date/Time: *April 21, 2012, 5:07 p.m.*
Location: *Crest Park, Hwy 173 & Hwy 18, Lake Arrowhead*
Incident: *Injured Hiker*

Summary: The rescue personnel from Station 91 in Lake Arrowhead were dispatched to a hiker with injuries in the vicinity of Crest Park at Hwy 173 & Hwy 18. While the units were still in route to the incident, dispatch received additional information that the patient was actually on a climbers trail approximately ½ to ¾ mile from Crest Park.

Captain Metzger realized that it may be difficult to find the hiker due to the rough and remote terrain and requested a helicopter from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to assist in locating the victim.

Rescue personnel were able to make phone contact with one of the members of the hiking party and discovered that the patient was a female in her 40's who had fallen approximately 10 feet and had sustained moderate injuries and was unable to climb or hike out.

A short time later a Sheriff's air rescue arrived on scene and was able to locate the victim approximately ½ mile southeast of Crest Park. While the Sheriff was reconfiguring their helicopter for a hoist operation, the rescue personnel from Station 91 along with members from the Sheriff's Search & Rescue hiked to the scene. Once on scene, the victim was evaluated and initial treatment was initiated. The patient was then hoisted to a landing zone that was set up at Rim of the World High School where she was transferred by a medic helicopter to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

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