

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Two Vehicles Collide on Highway 18

Date/Time: September 29, 2014 10:04am

Location: On Highway 18 1/2 mile above Upper Waterman Canyon Road

**Incident: Traffic collision with injuries** 

**Summary:** At 10:04 am - while returning from the hospital to their regular duty station - a San Bernardino County Fire Ambulance came upon a vehicle accident on Highway 18, approximately 1/2 mile above Upper Waterman Canyon Road. The fire unit initially reported two cars involved in a major damage head on traffic collision with three victims needing extrication and medical care.

The accident involved two mid size SUV's that collided head-on at a high rate of speed. One critical adult patient was transported to a local hospital emergency room by a San Bernardino County Fire Department Ambulance. Sadly, one other adult victim perished in the accident. The third patient - a three year old female - was transported by an additional San Bernardino County Fire Department Ambulance to Children's Hospital of Loma Linda with moderate injuries.

State Highway 18 remained closed in both directions until approximately 3:00 pm while the CHP conducted the investigation.

A total of three engines, two ambulances, a Battalion Chief and a Heavy Rescue Unit - all from San Bernardino County Fire Department - were assigned to the incident. The U.S. Forest Service also responded a fire engine, but was quickly returned to service to ensure continued coverage for the area.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind you to pull to the right for lights and sirens. Make way for emergency vehicles.

Courtesy photos can be located at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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