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County Fire Rescues Trapped Man

Date/Time: Friday August 8th, 2014

Location: 57000 block of Wilhart St, Yucca Valley

Incident: Person trapped under a trailer

Summary:

At approximately 12:30 A.M. San Bernardino County Fire received a 911 call reporting a trailer had slipped from the jacks with one person trapped under the trailer. County Fire responded with a full response including 2 Paramedic Engine Companies, 1 Paramedic Ambulance and a Battalion Chief for a total of 7 personnel. County Fire Paramedics arrived on scene several minutes after dispatch and found one person trapped under the weight a large travel trailer. The approximate 50 year old male patient was awake and complaining of severe shortness of breath.

County Fire crews used specialized heavy lift "Air Bags" to lift the trailer off the victim. The entire rescue took approximately 6 minutes. As the victim was removed from under the trailer, advanced life support was initiated by County Fire Paramedics. The County Fire Paramedic Ambulance transported the critically injured patient to the Yucca Valley Airport to the awaiting Mercy Air Ambulance, which transported to Desert Regional Palm Springs for further specialized care. Cal-Fire provided assistance as the landing zone coordinator on this incident.

County Fire would like to remind residents to always use caution when working under a trailer while intoxicated.

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