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County Fire Extricates Accident Victims

Date/Time: August 1st, 2014

Location: NB I-15 North of Zzyzx Rd. Near Baker

Incident: Rollover Traffic Accident

Summary: At approximately 12 P.M. San Bernardino County Fire was dispatched to a reported traffic accident on the 15 freeway near the town on Baker. County Fire responded with a full response including as BLS (Basic Life Support) engine company, Battalion Chief, and a Heavy Rescue from the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow. Baker Ambulance also responded and provided Paramedic care.

Several minutes after dispatch County Fire arrived on scene and reported a single vehicle rollover with major damage and two occupants trapped in the vehicle. Both occupants had sustained major head injuries and would require to be extricated from the vehicle. After an approximate 15 minute extrication both patients were removed from the vehicle and prepared for transport. Due to the quick and effective extrication the Marine Corps Fire Dept. was cancelled in route. CHP Helicopter 82 and Ft. Irwin Dust off 05 provided air transportation to University Medical Center in Las Vegas. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the cause of the accident.

County Fire would like to remind motorists that when you see emergency vehicles operating on the shoulder of the freeway to move into the left lane if possible to allow Rescuers a safer working area.

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