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NIGHT TIME CLIFF RESCUE

Date/Time: July 2, 2013, 9:58 p.m.

Location: 11501 Cypress Ave./Jurupa Hills, Fontana

Incident: Rescue Operation

Summary: On July 2, at 9:58 p.m. a 9-1-1 call was received for an injured hiker who had fallen from a trail on the hillside behind the Mary Vagle Nature Center at 11501 Cypress Ave. in Fontana. San Bernardino County Fire responded five units to the scene including it's Urban Search and Rescue team.

Rescue crews hiked about 1/2 mile to reach the victim, who is in her early 20's. Once firefighters reached her location, it was found her injuries were serious enough that she could not walk from the steep slope. The victim had fallen about 30 feet off the path into a wash located on the side of the hill. Fire department paramedics initiated advanced medical care while the patient was being prepared to be moved. Rescuers brought special equipment in to lower the victim down the steep grade to an awaiting ambulance. The injured hiker was transported to a local hospital with moderate injuries.

Your San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds you to never hike alone. Let others know where you are hiking and your projected return time and always carry water and a cell phone.

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