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AMBULANCE CRASH INJURES TWO

On March 3, 2012 at approximately 5:30 pm, units from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to northbound Interstate 15 north of Oak Hills in Hesperia for a traffic collision with reports of an ambulance rolling off of the freeway.

The first fire engine arrived five minutes after dispatch to find an SUV on the side of the freeway and an ambulance from American Medical Response on its side about twenty feet down an embankment and fifty feet off of the interstate.

Both ambulance attendants were able to climb out of their unit and were transported to a local hospital for evaluation of minor injuries. The crew was returning from a transport, and there was no patient in the back of the ambulance at the time of the crash. The parties in the SUV denied injury.

California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. Initial reports state that the SUV suffered a blowout causing it to swerve into the AMR ambulance.

San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds everyone to wear seatbelts every time they ride in an automobile. Wearing a seatbelt is one of the best ways to minimize injury in the event of an accident.

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