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One Deceased and Four Injured in a Head on Collision on a Residential Street

Date/Time: March 1, 2014 / 3:37 a.m.
Location: 10700 block of Balsam Ave, City of Hesperia
Incident: Traffic Collision

Summary: San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to an early morning traffic collision with reported victims trapped in the City of Hesperia. First arriving units found two vehicles with major front end damage, extensive extrication required for two victims, and a total of four critical victims required immediate care. Upon arrival, paramedics determined one victim was deceased, due to major intrusion into one of the vehicles.

Eighteen Firefighters responded to the incident, and utilized the "Jaws of Life" to remove the parts of the vehicle trapping the victims. Despite the extensive damage, firefighters were able to complete the extrication within only 17 minutes of the first arriving engine company.

All four victims had injuries that required transport to a trauma center. Due to the current storm activity in the Cajon Pass, no air ambulances were available to transport the victims. Ground ambulances transported victims to Loma Linda Medical Center and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

The cause of the accident is currently under investigation by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds everyone to always drive with the current road conditions in mind. Remember the posted speed limits may not be safe due to wet and slippery roadways.

With the storm activity continuing, we also remind drivers to be aware of standing or flowing water in the roadways. Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other severe weather related hazard. The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water. More than half of all flood related deaths result from vehicles being swept downstream. Of these, many are preventable.

Photo is available at sbcfire.org, under latest news

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