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Firefighters Rescue Child Hiker from Cliffside

Date/Time: **June 18, 2013 at**
Location: **Jurupa Hills, Cherry Ave. with cross of Live Oak Ave.**
Incident: **Child Hiker Rescued From Cliffside**

When San Bernardino County Firefighters arrived for what was called in as a medical aid for a fall victim at a park, they quickly realized they had a much more complex incident at hand. An 11 year-old and 9 year-old girl were hiking in the Jurupa Hills when they fell down the steep cliffside. One slid down approximately 100 feet and landed at the base of the cliff. The other was stuck approx 70 feet from the ground.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team, along with one paramedic engine company, one paramedic squad, one battalion chief and two ground ambulances all arrived to assist in the rescue. A rope system was anchored above the patient's location in order to set up a lowering system to lower her to the bottom. Members of the rescue team were lowered to the patient, where they secured her and all were lowered to safety.

Both patients were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. There were no reported injuries to rescuers during the operation.

Please remember that when out hiking to wear the proper clothing for the weather and terrain that you are going to be in. It is also a good idea to go in at least groups of two and ALWAYS let someone know the area that you will be in and what time to expect you back.

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