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Propane Tanker Truck Overturns

Date/Time: August 5, 2012, 9:45 a.m.

Location: Hwy. 38 near Jenks Lake Road East, Jenks Lake

Incident: Single Vehicle T/C

At about 9:45 this morning, for unknown reasons, a single propane tanker truck overturned while travelling northbound on Hwy. 38 near Jenks Lake Road East, landing on the passenger side near the edge of the roadway. The male driver and sole occupant, was able to exit the semi on his own. There were no other vehicles involved in the collision.

Firefighters were able to quickly contain a small diesel fuel spillage. San Bernardino County Fire Hazardous Material specialists, along with the assistance of Caltrans Haz-Mat, are on scene assessing the damage to the propane tank to determine where the leak, if any, may be coming from. Another propane carrier is already on scene ready to off-load and transfer the 9,600 gallons of propane.

Officials are concerned about the potential fire threat to the nearby forest. As a precaution, firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire and the U.S. Forest Service are on scene.

The driver sustained minor injuries and was transported by American Medical Response to a local hospital.

Hwy. 38 is closed in both directions from Angelus Oaks to Lake Williams. The roadway is expected to be closed into the evening hours. Travelers are advised to use alternate routes such as Hwy. 330 or Hwy. 18.

The California Highway Patrol is conducting the investigation.

Photo available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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