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Motorists Trapped After Collision with Semi-Truck

Date/Time: **January 10, 2015 – 9:30 AM**
Location: **Interstate 15, 2 miles south of Primm, NV**
Incident: **Traffic Collision – Two Semi-Trucks and a Sedan**

Summary: Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire (SBCoFD) Station 53 in Baker responded to a traffic accident involving two semi-trucks and a passenger car with people trapped.

Upon arrival, firefighters found a semi-truck with major damage to the cab pressed against the guardrail of the southbound lanes. While traveling southbound in the center lane, the semi had rear-ended another semi-truck ripping the entire passenger side of the truck open and sending the truck through the number one lane striking a Nissan Altima and into the guardrail in the center divider. The Altima was then pinned between semi-truck and the guardrail.

The occupants of the Altima were trapped in the vehicle because the car's doors were pinned between the semi-trailer and the guardrail. The first arriving CHP officer used a baton to break the driver's side window of the car allowing the three occupants to exit the vehicle through the window. All three of the occupants of the car were uninjured. The driver and passenger of the semi-truck that had crashed into the Altima had only minor injuries and were treated and released on scene by the Baker Ambulance and San Bernardino County firefighters. The occupants of the semi-truck that had been rear-ended were uninjured.

Safety Message: The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds the public to always wear seats belts when traveling in motor vehicles. Seat belts save lives!!!

To view photos from the incident please visit us at www.sbcfire.org.

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