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County Fire responds to multiple burn victims in Phelan

Date/Time: **September 26, 2013**
Location: **14100 block Buttonwood St., Phelan**
Incident: **Burn victims**

Summary: At approximately 2:18 p.m. this afternoon the San Bernardino County Communications Center received a phone call of multiple victims with burn injuries at a home in the 14100 block of Buttonwood St. in the High Desert community of Phelan. One paramedic engine from San Bernardino County Fire Department along with an ambulance from American Medical Response arrived at the scene to find two victims in their 20's with significant life threatening burns.

Both victims were treated by paramedics at the scene and transported to the Stater Brothers parking lot in Phelan on Phelan Road where a landing zone was set up to allow medical helicopters to transport the victims rapidly to a burn center in Colton. The patients were transported by Mercy Air as well as an Air Rescue helicopter from the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department.

Simultaneously, another medical call was received by the communications center of another burn victim at a medical clinic in the 9700 block of Sierra Vista Rd., also in the community of Phelan. An additional paramedic engine and paramedic ambulance from San Bernardino County Fire Department was dispatched to the location. Upon their arrival, it was deemed this third victim also sustained life threatening burns and required immediate transportation by an air ambulance. This victim was driven to the same landing zone and subsequently transported by paramedic helicopter operated by the California Highway Patrol.

At the time of this release, San Bernardino County Fire Department is still on scene in conjunction with the Sheriffs Department investigating. County Fire Hazardous Materials teams, as well as a fire investigator, are at the scene working to determine the cause of the injuries to the three burn victims and if they are related or not.

Safety message: As we get closer to day light savings time, San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind the public to change their batteries in their smoke detectors every time they change their clocks backwards/forwards.

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