

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **School Buses & Vehicle Collide**

Date/Time: Friday, September 25, 2015, 7:00 a.m.
Location: La Contenta Rd/Yucca Trail, Yucca Valley

**Incident:** Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) / Traffic Collision

**Summary:** San Bernardino County Fire responded to a reported traffic collision at the intersection of La Contenta Rd and Yucca Trail in Yucca Valley involving two school buses and two passenger vehicles.

Upon arrival, firefighters quickly set up triage and started evaluating all occupants for injuries. There were approximately 70 middle school students on the school buses. Four student sustained minor injury; two were transported to a local hospital by Morongo Basin Ambulance and two others were released to their parents. The driver and sole occupant of a pick-up truck was found deceased. There were no injuries to the occupant of the second passenger vehicle. The uninjured students were transported to La Contenta Middle School.

Sixteen SBCoFire firefighters (3 engines, 2 ambulances) and a Battalion Chief responded to the incident. Morongo Basin Ambulance also responded to assist.

The cause of the accident is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

San Bernardino County Fire reminds motorists to safely slow down, pull to the right, and stop whenever they see emergency vehicles approaching.

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