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Driver Dies After Hitting Fire Engine

Date/Time: April 22, 2012, 6:42 a.m.
Location: NB I-15/Oak Hills off-ramp, Oak Hills
Incident: Traffic Collision with Fatality

Summary: San Bernardino County firefighters had just arrived on scene of a single vehicle roll-over traffic collision on the Oak Hills off-ramp of northbound I-15 when they were struck by another vehicle. Medic Engine 305, with code 3 emergency lights still on, had just parked on the shoulder of the Oak Hills off-ramp when a sedan driven by a male occupant in his 20's, lost control and rear-ended the fire engine.

The firefighter, who was still wearing his seat belt at the time of collision, sustained minor injury and was transported by a County Fire ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The male driver of the sedan died on scene. It is unknown if he was wearing a seat belt.

The California Highway Patrol is conducting the investigation.

Seatbelts save lives. The San Bernardino County Fire Department remind you to wear a seatbelt every time you ride in an automobile. Wearing a seatbelt is one of the best ways to minimize injury in the event of a collision.

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