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Injured Hiker Rescued From Rugged Terrain

Date: *April 27, 2015, 11:37 a.m.*
Location: *Hwy. 18 East of Lake Gregory Dr., Crest Forest*
Incident: *Technical Rescue*

Summary: At approximately 11:37 a.m. on April 27th, firefighters received a report of an injured hiker in the area of Hwy. 189 and Lake Gregory Drive in Crest Forest. While responding to the incident, units were notified that the hiker was actually over the side of Highway 18 near the historic and abandoned Cliffhanger restaurant. The first units on scene reported an injured female hiker, approximately 20 to 30 feet down steep terrain and in need of immediate assistance.

Due to the possibility of a technical rescue requiring specialized personnel and equipment, several units responded including an Urban Search and Rescue unit out of Lake Arrowhead. This proved to be very helpful, as the hiker was able to get the paramedic and technical services she required very quickly. The rugged terrain required that she be carried out, so a stokes basket was utilized to carry and keep her contained to prevent further injury.

The rescue was completed with no further injury to the hiker and no injuries to first responders. The patient was transported to St. Bernardine's Medical Center and is being treated for her injuries. In total, 12 firefighters responded to the incident. In addition, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded and several deputies assisted with the rescue.

San Bernardino County Fire reminds all individuals to let someone know their location while hiking or conducting other outdoor recreational activities. In the event an emergency may happen while doing so, it will be much easier for first responders to locate the incident.

Courtesy photos can be located at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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