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### ***Multi Casualty Incident Kills One***

Date/Time: April 23, 2013 / 1230 Hrs.

Location: Hwy 138/Summit Valley Rd.

Incident: Head On Accident with Fatality

One person was killed and four others were transported to a trauma center following a head on collision around 1230 p.m. Tuesday. The accident occurred on Highway 138 one mile west of Summit Valley Road and involved a mini van and a SUV. There were a total of five patients, one person was fatally injured and three of the victims had to be extricated by firefighters using the "Jaws of Life". Two air ambulances from Mercy Air were dispatched and took 2 of the critical patients to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The remaining two went by ground ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

San Bernardino County responded with a Battalion Chief and four Paramedic engines, American Medical Response responded with 3 ambulances and a supervisor.

A portion of Hwy 138 remained closed while the California Highway Patrol performed their investigation to determine a cause of the accident.