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County Firefighters Extricate Trapped Driver

Date/Time: Sunday, April 5th, 2015 at 6:58 p.m.
Location: Valley Blvd. and Linden Ave. Bloomington, CA
Incident Type: Traffic Accident with Extrication

At approximately 7 p.m. this evening, San Bernardino County Fire received several reports of a traffic collision at the above location in the City of Bloomington. 911 callers reported a vehicle had struck a tour bus, and that there were persons trapped in the vehicle.

Based on the 911 reports, County Fire's initial response included a specialized Heavy Rescue Unit, two paramedic engine companies, one battalion chief and an AMR ambulance. First arriving units reported a single sedan into the side of the tour bus with major damage. Upon further investigation it was determined that the sole occupant of the sedan would require extrication using specialized hydraulic rescue tools or the "jaws of life". The Heavy Rescue unit was assigned the task of extrication upon their arrival, and the critically injured patient was extricated in approximately 10 minutes.

The extricated patient was transported to Kaiser Hospital Fontana with life-threatening injuries, while four occupants from the bus who sustained minor injuries were treated by additional County Fire paramedics and ultimately transported to other area hospitals.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the cause of the accident. At the time of this release, the roadways remain closed to support the investigation.

County Fire would like to remind you that it is always the best practice to wear a seatbelt while in a moving vehicle. Seatbelts Save Lives!

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