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The search continues for four people who are missing after two boats collided with each other and sank on the Colorado River.

A total of 16 people were on the boats when they crashed into each other just after 8 p.m between Pirates Cove and the Topock Marina, north of Lake Havasu on September 1.

All 16 people were thrown into the water following the collision, with several being pulled out of the water by passing boaters after both of the vessels sank.

Nine people were injured in the crash—two of them critically—with one male and three females still unaccounted for, the Mohave County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

A huge search was launched along the stretch of river, including divers looking for bodies in the water.

"I don't want to give the interpretation that there isn't a real possibility that they made it to shore," Mohave County Sheriff Doug Schuster told a news conference. "We are actively treating this as a potential drowning." Authorities are still trying to determine what caused the crash. So far, it has been determined that a Hallet boat carrying 10 people was travelling northbound, and a Sleek Craft boat, occupied by six people, was heading southbound.

"At this time, four occupants from the Hallet boat are still missing," the Mohave County Sheriff's Office said. "Helicopters from Care Flight, Arizona DPS Air Rescue, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department were deployed in the area shortly after the initial call, and were unable to locate any of the missing subjects."

Authorities believe that low light may have been a factor in the crash and are looking into how fast either of the boats were traveling at the time. According to a transcript of the 911 call, both boats were traveling at speeds of up to 50 miles an hour, reports 3TV/CBS 5.

Schuster confirmed that no one on either boat was wearing life jackets at the time.

"It is not mandated that they do, though we encourage it," he told reporters.

Eric Sherwin, a spokesman for the **San Bernardino County Fire** District, told 3TV/CBS-5 that the fast moving river is causing problems for the search operation.

"We had victims of this collision that were located three to five miles downstream from the original point of impact," Sherwin said.

Mohave County Sheriff's Office confirmed the river has been closed to the public while the search continues.

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2 airlifted and 4 others injured after rollover crash along I-40 in Ludlow

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(Google Maps)

LUDLOW, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Two people were airlifted to trauma centers and several others were injured after a rollover crash along Interstate 40 Labor Day Monday.

It happened at about 3:20 pm, on the westbound I-40 at mile marker 64, approximately 14 miles east of Ludlow, CA.

Officers with the California Highway Patrol and firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** and Barstow Marine Corps Logistic Base were dispatched to reports of a single-vehicle rollover crash with as many as 8 people injured and one occupant trapped.

This is a very remote area of San Bernardino County and Paramedics in fire engines and ambulances to this location can be upwards of a 1 hour response time,” stated San Bernardino County Fire Captain Jeff Allen.

According to Allen, based on reports of serious injuries the responding county fire battalion chief launched County Fire’s Helicopter 325 three minutes after the initial dispatch.

H325 arrived on scene prior to any ground units and was able to triage the patients and initiate advanced life support for the most seriously injured patients stated Allen.

It was determined there was a total of six injured occupants which included two immediate, two delayed, and two minor injuries. A second helicopter was also requested to respond to the scene as one of the delayed patients was upgraded to an immediate.

H325 airlifted one of the two critically injured patients to Desert Regional Palm Springs and the second was flown to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center via Mercy Air 2 helicopter. The remaining patients were transported by Desert Ambulance and a Marine Core Logistic Base (MCLB) MA401 ambulances to Barstow Community Hospital.

The cause of the crash remains under by the California Highway Patrol.

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