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MAJOR INJURY ROLLOVER ACCIDENT ON I-10

Date/Time: April 18th, 2013 9:48 PM

Location: WB I-10 between Citrus Ave. / Cherry Ave., Fontana, Ca

Incident: Traffic Collision with Extrication

Summary: A traffic collision involving four vehicles on the WB I-10 in Fontana caused one vehicle to rollover several times and resulted in major injuries to its driver.

At 9:48 PM, San Bernardino County Fire Department units responded to a report of a multi-vehicle traffic collision on the WB I-10 with one patient possibly trapped. First arriving units found multiple vehicles with major damage and one vehicle that had rolled over several times and was resting on its side. Firefighters found one patient with major injuries trapped inside the vehicle that had rolled onto its side. Due to the damage to the vehicle and the patients injuries, the patient required rapid extrication.

Firefighters quickly began to treat the patient while simultaneously disentangling the victim from the vehicle. Using the Jaws of Life and other extrication equipment, it took eleven firefighters from an engine company, a ladder truck and a heavy rescue approximately forty minutes to remove the patient from the wreckage.

One patient was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center with major traumatic injuries.

California Highway Patrol provided traffic control on the congested freeway and is investigating the cause of the crash.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department and California Highway Patrol would like to remind everyone to drive safely, be aware of the speed limits, and remember their defensive driving techniques. For more on driving laws and defensive driving techniques, visit the CHP website at www.chp.ca.gov.

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