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FIREFIGHTERS HELP RETRIEVE GIRL FROM TREE

Date/Time: *Sunday, March 10, 2013 / 5:30 p.m.*
Location: *1200 block Portillo Lane Lake Arrowhead, CA*
Incident: *Physical Rescue*

Summary:

A young girl is unharmed following an adventurous climb up a tree near her family's home in Lake Arrowhead Sunday evening.

San Bernardino County Firefighters arrived on scene to find a four year-old girl had climbed over half-way up a 50-foot tall pine tree on the 1200 block of Portillo Lane. The girl's father had already started to climb after her, and had made it up approximately 25 feet up when fire crews arrived.

Firefighters secured a ladder against the side of the tree while the father continued up approximately 10 feet further; the father was able to reach his daughter and pass her down to a firefighter on the ladder. The girl was brought to the ground, and her father followed down the ladder afterward.

County Fire paramedics evaluated the girl, who was dressed in a t-shirt and sweatpants. Other than being a bit cold and wanting to get back inside her home, she was uninjured.

A total of five firefighters, including a battalion chief and crews from Lake Arrowhead Stations 92 and 94, responded to the call. Fire crews completed the rescue in under 20 minutes.

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