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Helicopter Crash near Mt. Baldy

Date/Time: 12/29/16, 1140 AM
Location: Angeles National Forest West of Mt. Baldy
Incident: Aircraft Crash

Mt. Baldy,CA – At 11:40 AM this morning San Bernardino County Fire responded to the area of Mt. Baldy for a reported aircraft crash.

A request was placed to dispatch San Bernardino County Sheriff Air Rescue to assist with the location of the possible downed aircraft. Upon the arrival of Air Rescue 07, they confirmed a helicopter that had crashed on the top of a mountain ridge in the snow. It was determined that the site was inaccessible by vehicles. All units responding were staged at Station 200 on Mt. Baldy Rd. until patient contact was made by Air Rescue 07.

Air Rescue 07 safely landed and confirmed 4 patients that were on board of the helicopter had removed themselves from the aircraft. The patients were assessed by paramedics and loaded onto the helicopter to be flown to a landing zone for transport. A total of 3 patients were transported to a trauma hospital and one patient refused transport at the scene.

Los Angeles County Sherriff Department will be conducting the investigation in conjunction with the NTSB and the FAA regarding the cause of the crash.

The response included two Engines from Upland Fire, a Patrol from U.S. Forest Service, two AMR Ambulances, one AMR Supervisor, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Air Rescue, a Patrol, a Medic Squad, a Rescue unit from Baldy and a Battalion Chief from San Bernardino County Fire, totaling 22 personnel.

Your San Bernardino County Firefighters remind all residents that when traveling to our local mountain and snow play areas to make sure you have in your vehicle warm clothing that is appropriate for local weather conditions. Weather in our mountains can change rapidly from warm and mild to very cold in an instant. Always be prepared when you travel.

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