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Rescuers pull two from Aqueduct

Date/Time:June 28, 2012, 12:10 p.m.Location:California Aqueduct, Main St/Maple Ave, HesperiaIncident:Swift Water Rescue

Summary: Just after noon, San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to the California aqueduct near Main Street and Maple Avenue in Hesperia regarding two people that may have fallen into the swift running water.

Upon arrival, the Swift Water Rescue Team, consisting of five members trained in swift water rescue techniques, were notified that two subjects were in the water. Rescuers saw a child floating in the water and immediately began rescue efforts. Shortly after, rescuers pulled the child from the water and began medical procedures.

Moments later, rescuers were informed that an adult subject had been located by Sheriff personnel on the other side of the aqueduct. Firefighters from a second unit on scene were able to pull the adult subject from the water and start administering life saving measures.

Both subjects were transported by firefighters to a local hospital.

The investigation is being conducted by the California Highway Patrol.

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