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Victim Airlifted after Vehicle Plummets Off Road in Forest Falls

Date/Time: July 9, 2012 12:30 p.m.
Location: Valley of the Falls Dr. (just east of Highway 38), Forest Falls
Incident: Traffic Collision / Over the Side Rescue with Extrication

Summary: A vehicle plummeted off the road and the victim had to be extricated by firefighters Monday afternoon in Forest Falls. When firefighters arrived they found a small pick-up truck located 25 feet down a steep embankment from the road above. One victim was trapped inside and had sustained major injuries.

Firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life and other tools to extricate the victim from the vehicle. Firefighters then had to set up a low angle rope rescue system to safely move the victim up the embankment to the road above.

The victim was airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for further evaluation.

The accident remains under investigation at this time by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office.

San Bernardino County Fire personnel were assisted by Redlands Fire Dept. and U.S. Forest Service.

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