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Single Vehicle Rollover Results in Multiple Fatalities

Date/Time: 4:55 PM
Location: West Bound I-40 @ MM104
Incident: Vehicle Accident with Injuries

At approximately 4:55 PM today, San Bernardino County Fire Department units from Needles were dispatched to a traffic collision rollover on the WB side of the I-40 between Essex and Goffs. Upon arrival of the first fire unit, it was determined that a single vehicle carrying 9 passengers had rolled over resulting in multiple ejections.

Fire crews on scene immediately began triaging patients and requesting air ambulances for transport. The accident resulted in 4 fatalities, 3 major injuries, and 4 moderate injuries. Units from Station 31 in Needles provided initial treatment of patients until ALS ambulances and transporting helicopters arrived. Patients were transported to multiple area hospitals determined by severity and complexity of injuries sustained.

Lanes on the WB I-40 will be reduced to 1 lane until approximately 10:00 PM. Please be cautious if traveling in this direction as emergency workers will be present on the roadway. The cause of the accident is under investigation and all questions regarding the cause should be referred to the California Highway Patrol.

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