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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses, Accidents and Near-Miss Incidents



Fenner Canyon Crew 3 Vehicle Accident

11/07/2011

INTERSTATE 15

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California Southern Region

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SYNOPSIS

The following information is a preliminary summary of a traffic collision that involved a CAL FIRE Emergency Crew Transport (ECT), a CAL TRANS vehicle and a semi truck/trailer. The accident resulted in minor injuries to CAL FIRE personnel and major damage to involved vehicles.

NARRATIVE

On Monday November 7, 2011 at approximately 12:55 hours Fenner Canyon Crew 3 was assisting CAL TRANS on a highway work project on Interstate 15 in the City of Victorville.

The Fenner Canyon ECT was parked on the shoulder of the south bound lanes and was occupied with the Fire Captain and Crew.

A semi-truck trailer traveling southbound on Interstate 15 collided with the ECT and a CAL TRANS vehicle. The involved vehicles sustained major damage.

The CAL FIRE Captain and seven Inmate Firefighters sustained minor injuries and were treated and released from local hospitals. The driver of the semi-truck refused medical treatment at the scene.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

- Reinforce the use of Traffic Safety Vests when working on or near Interstate/Highways
- Reinforce the use of seat belts
- Ensure that work project / safety precautions are adhered to.