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Los Padres National Forest/Chalk Fire/Engine #56 (BDF) Rollover
October 3, 2008

To: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, Region 5

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Preliminary Factual Findings: San Bernardino National Forest (BDF) Engine #56, with five crew members, drifted off the right hand side of a paved two lane road and caught a four to six inch drop between the asphalt and shoulder. The driver attempted to correct the situation causing the engine to veer across the two lane road, hit an embankment and roll over. The engine landed on the passenger side adjacent to the left hand side of the road.



Property Damage: Awaiting cost estimates

Narrative:

On October 3rd, 2008, at approximately 1940 hrs., a Strike Team made up of 4 BDF engines and 1 BLM engine were traveling from the ICP to their night shift assignment. While in a curve, the right rear wheels of Engine #56 ran off the roadway and caught a four to six inch drop between the asphalt and shoulder. The driver attempted to correct the situation, resulting in the engine veering across the road, hitting a dirt embankment and rolling over on the left hand side of the road. The engine landed on the passenger side. The five crew members were treated on scene and transported by ground ambulance to Mee Memorial Hospital in King City, CA. All crew members were treated and released with minor injuries. There were no other vehicles involved. The road was paved, dry, and clear. The engine is undergoing a complete mechanical inspection & cost repair estimate. A Regional Accident Prevention Analysis Team (APA) has been assigned and is in the process of gathering information.



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