

**Preliminary Summary Report of Serious or Near Serious  
CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses, and Accidents**



# BLUE SHEET

## **Rolling Rock Caused by Water Drop**

**August 19, 2016**

**LEBEC FIRE**

**CA-KRN-031281**

**California Southern Region**

### **SUMMARY**

On August 19, 2016, at approximately 1530 hours, CAL FIRE Helicopter 305, with the helitack crew, was assigned to the Lebec Fire in Kern County, California. While completing hand line in a steep narrow drainage, the helitack Fire Captain (FC) was struck on the helmet by a rock approximately twelve (12) inches in diameter. The rock was loosened by another helicopter assigned to the fire which made a water drop above the FC. The speed and force of the rock caused the helmet's suspension system to lacerate the head of the FC. The FC was treated and transported by paramedics to a local hospital by ground ambulance for further evaluation and treatment of the injury.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

No recommendations were identified within the first 12 hours of this summary.