



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE

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#### - Vehicle Accident / Technical Rescue -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. May 6, 2013 – At 8:38 am, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD) responded to a vehicle over-the-side, located on State Highway 154, north of San Marcos Road.



SBCFD responded two engines, a truck company crew and a battalion chief to the scene. SBCFD was assisted by the US Forest Service, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Team, American Medical Response, and the California Highway Patrol.

Firefighters arrived on scene and found a single vehicle approximately 200' off the roadway and over the side. A mechanical advantage rope-rescue system was utilized by fire crews to descend to the vehicle. Two patients were treated by firefighters: one with serious injuries and one with moderate injuries. The patient with serious injuries was treated and brought up to the roadway at 9:29 am. The second patient was brought up to

the roadway 10 minutes later. Both injured occupants were transported via AMR to Cottage Hospital.

The Highway 154 remained open, but traffic was slowed due to the incident. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the CHP.

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