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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

For immediate release

-Traffic collision with major injuries, Nice-Lucerne cutoff ½ mile east of Hwy 29-

LAKEPORT, CA., September 15, 2009 - On Tuesday, September 15 at 12:58 PM the Lakeport Fire Protection District was dispatched to a reported multi-vehicle traffic collision on the Nice/Lucerne cutoff. Battalion Chief Willie Sepeta with the Lake County Fire Protection District arrived 4 minutes after dispatch and began assessing injuries. Shortly thereafter, Battalion Chief Pat Brown with the Northshore Fire Protection District arrived on scene and assumed incident commander. Lakeport ambulance 5013 requested 1 medical helicopter while enroute based upon information given by dispatch. Chief Brown requested a second medical helicopter 3 minutes after his arrival due to severe injuries to 2 patients who were involved in a head-on type collision.

Upon their arrival, medic engine 5012 and ambulance 5013 were directed to a stationwagon with one patient with an altered mental status and possible head injury. Extensive extrication was needed and aggressive ALS interventions were initiated as the jaws of life were used to remove doors and roof. He was transported code 3 to Sutter Lakeside Hospital helipad for transport by REACH to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. Alcohol is a possible contributing factor, air bags were deployed, and patients appear to have been wearing seatbelts.

Northshore Fire paramedics tended to a patient in the other vehicle involved, though injuries to this patient are not known at the time of this release. This patient was also transported to Sutter Lakeside Hospital helipad code 3 for transport to a trauma center. The Lakeport Fire Protection District responded 1 ALS engine company and 1 ALS ambulance with mutual aid provided by Northshore Fire, REACH, and CHP. One minor injury to a firefighter was reported, and other contributing factors are being investigated by CHP. The incident was terminated at 1:52 PM

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