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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

DATE : 09/21/2006

SUBJECT : SAFETY BULLETIN : 24 Hr AI BLM Water Tender 3690



AI 24hr Report water tender 3690 092006.doc



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Date: September 20, 2006

Route To:

Subject: Preliminary (24-hour—after the accident) Briefing

To: Steve Borchard BLM CDD District Manager

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Location: Highway 138 / 4000 ft level road

Date of occurrence: September 20, 2006

Time of occurrence: 0850 Hours

Team leader: James Aragon

Mission: Fire Suppression / Initial Attack

Activity: Travel

Number injured: 2

Number of fatalities: 0

Property damage: Due to the rollover, the BLM Water Tender sustained major damage and appears to be a total loss.

Narrative: On 09/20/06, BLM CDD Water Tender 3690 was involved in a single vehicle rollover accident. The BLM driver and passenger were returning to the Apple Valley Fire Station traveling westbound on Hwy 138 at approximately the 4000 ft level access road and as the driver attempted to negotiate a corner she lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle entered the eastbound lane turning over onto the drivers' side.

The California Highway Patrol initiated an Accident report at the scene. Upon initial assessment, the water tender appears to have been fully loaded, at the time of the collision. The vehicle was at the time blocking the eastbound lane so it was necessary for it to be drained and towed from the scene to the Apple Valley Fire Station.

Both BLM personnel were ground transported to the Loma Linda hospital via ambulance to be checked out. The passenger was released at the hospital with no apparent injuries. The driver was however held overnight for precautionary reasons.

An accident investigation team comprised of BLM and USFS staff is being put together for the formal AI.
cc:

Safety Manager (at the level authorizing the investigation)

