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### **FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION CLOSSES DEL DIOS HIGHWAY FOR SEVERAL HOURS**

**DEL DIOS, Calif.** — Shortly before noon Saturday, August 22, 2009, firefighters from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) and Escondido Fire Department, along with paramedics from San Diego Medical Services Enterprise, responded to the report of a traffic collision on Del Dios Highway near Lake Hodges Dam. Upon arrival, the firefighters found that a cement truck and a full-size Dodge pick-up truck had collided head-on. The accident proved fatal for the driver of the pick-up truck. The cement truck driver was assessed for injuries by medics at the scene and released.

Del Dios was closed for four and a half hours in both directions between Calle Ambiente and Rancho Drive while emergency personnel tended to victims and County Haz Mat cleaned up the debris. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the accident.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is “To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response.” Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 29,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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