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## TRAFFIC COLLISION SENDS TEN TO HOSPITALS

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 8:32 am, firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, Encinitas Fire Department, Escondido Fire Department, San Marcos Fire Department, and American Medical Response responded to the report of a traffic collision at the intersection of Elfin Forest Road and Harmony Grove Road. When they arrived on scene, firefighters found one SUV that had turned on its side and was then hit by another SUV. Seven teenagers were in the first SUV and a woman and two children were in the second SUV. All were able to self-extricate from the vehicles and were transported to area hospitals via ambulance with injuries ranging from moderate to critical. The roadway was shut down in both directions while crews worked to rescue the patients and clear the scene. California Highway Patrol is investigating the cause of the accident.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To serve the public through the protection of life, environment and property from fire and other emergencies through prevention, preparedness, education, and response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 50-square miles and protects over 32,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of six fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, 4S-Ranch, Elfin Forest, and Harmony Grove.

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