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RANCHO SANTA FE: Via de la Valle reopened following crash

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RANCHO SANTA FE ---- Crews reopened a Rancho Santa Fe intersection Wednesday evening nearly six hours after a truck apparently knocked down a utility pole earlier in the day, causing a temporary power outage for 1,607 customers, authorities said.

Via de la Valle at Cancha de Golf was shut down shortly after noon following the crash, a Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District press release said.

The driver of the truck, a man in his 50s, was removed from the vehicle and transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla with moderate injuries, the release said.

Live power lines, the utility pole and leaking coolant from the damaged truck forced authorities to close Via de la Valle and divert traffic at El Camino Real and Las Planideras, the California Highway Patrol reported.

San Diego Gas & Electric, hazardous materials fire personnel and a county roads investigator all headed to the scene, the CHP reported.

The downed pole caused 1,607 customers in Fairbanks Ranch, Solana Beach, Torrey Pines and northern San Diego to lose power, but service was restored to all but three customers by 1 p.m., an SDG&E spokeswoman said.

CHP Sgt. Matt Booth said the intersection was reopened about 5:45 p.m.