



Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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Subject : Vehicle Extrication, Highway 255, Samoa Bridge

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On 11/19/18 at 10:39 A.M. Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a reported vehicle extrication on Highway 255 at the Samoa Bridge.

Two fire engines, a ladder truck, and chief officer were dispatched initially. Upon arrival fire personnel found a Ford SUV that had rolled over and was on its side off the roadway between the second and third spans of the Samoa Bridge. There were four patients trapped inside with injuries ranging from minor to moderate.

Initially one ambulance was dispatched. Due to the number of patients, a second ambulance was requested to the scene.

An additional fire engine and chief officer were requested to the scene to assist with the extrication and traffic control. The vehicle was in a precarious position on a slope and on its side. The vehicle was stabilized using rescue struts and straps to prevent the vehicle from moving as rescuers worked on removing the patients. Fire personnel used the "Jaws of Life" to gain access and extricate the four patients. Humboldt Bay Fire had one patient extricated within 17 minutes of arrival on scene and the remaining three patients were removed within 28 minutes.

Patient care was transferred to City Ambulance for transport. The Eureka Police Department and California Highway Patrol provided traffic control during the incident.

Humboldt Bay Fire urges everyone to please use caution when first responders are working at an emergency scene. Personnel can be working on both sides of the road and it may be difficult to see them around the large fire apparatus.

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