

24 HOUR REPORT / CANEBRAKE ROLLOVER

The following information is preliminary and is subject to change

To: Tim Smith, Bakersfield Field Manager

Subject: 24 Hour Report, (BLM Engine 3144 Accident in Central California)

LOCATION: Canebrake Rd. 8.1 miles from Hwy 178.

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: September 19, 2007

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 1612 Hours

TEAM LEADER: Tom Sherman

ACTIVITY: In Route to Wildland Fire

NUMBER OF INJURIES: 2

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

PROPERTY DAMAGE: Total loss of BLM Light (Type 4) Fire Engine.

Narrative: On September 19, 2007, BLM Light Engine 3144 was involved in a single vehicle rollover accident while, in route to a reported Wildland Fire. The BLM driver was responding south bound on Canebrake road from Chimney Peak Fire Station, when the vehicle began to fish tale, forcing the vehicle to swerve off the road and proceeding over the side of the embankment. The vehicle rolled twice before coming to rest approximately 62 feet below the embankment.

The California Highway Patrol and BLM Law Enforcement initiated an accident report at the scene. The BLM Engine Operator and one fire fighter were transported by ambulance to a local hospital, and was treated and released with only minor injuries.

An accident investigation team has been formed to initiate a final report.

/s/ Tom Sherman, (Team Leader)

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