

# Preliminary Summary Report of Serious or Near Serious CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses, and Accidents



## BLUE SHEET

### Helicopter Low Water Drop

August 17, 2016

BLUE CUT FIRE

CA-BDF-010468

California Southern Region

### SUMMARY

On August 17, 2016, at approximately 1815 hours, *CAL FIRE* Strike Team 9241C was assigned to Division A/Z on the Blue Cut Fire in the *CAL FIRE* San Bernardino Unit (BDU). While completing a hose lay, five (5) *CAL FIRE* firefighters (one (1) Fire Captain, one (1) Fire Apparatus Engineer and three (3) Firefighter I's) were struck by a low-level water drop from a Type 1 Helicopter. The impact of the low drop knocked all five (5) firefighters to the ground. The firefighters were immediately evaluated on scene by paramedics. Four (4) firefighters were evaluated and resumed firefighting operations, while one (1) firefighter was transported to the local hospital by ground ambulance for further evaluation and treatment of injuries suffered.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

No recommendations were identified within the first 12 hours of this summary.