

## **24 Hour Preliminary Notification**

### **Las Conchas Vehicle Damage and Burn Injuries**

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**LOCATION:** Las Conchas Fire – North Zone – Division India

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** July 8, 2011

**TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** 1500 hours

**LOCAL AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR:** Joe Reinarz, T1 IMT

**MISSION:** Holding support during burn-out operations in Division India

**ACTIVITY:** Burnout and holding

**NUMBER OF INJURIES:** 3

**NUMBER OF FATALITIES:** 0

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:** 2

**INCIDENT SUMMARY:** At approximately 1500 on the Los Conchas Fire, three individuals received minor injuries and two engines sustained minor damage while providing holding support during burn-out operations. While holding the line, fire intensity picked up due to thunderstorm activity accompanied with gusty, erratic winds. This resulted in heavy smoke and fire on both sides of the line (including green unburned fuels).

During their escape (egress) from the situation, the engines came to a stalemate. Two engines heading east came head on with an engine headed west. Due to the smoke, they did not see each other until this point but were able to stop without a vehicle mishap. They continued their egress with the westbound engine having to back up to a point they could allow the eastbound engines to safely pass. The westbound engine turned around and continued the egress following behind. A fourth engine heading east was also in the area.

One individual was exposed to radiant heat on his face, ear, and inhaled heated air which required evaluation by a local hospital. A second engine crewmember experienced smoke inhalation, was treated, and released by line medics. The third firefighter experienced a nose bleed that was treated by line medics.

Two engines received minor burn damage to side mirrors, decal delaminating, ember damage to instrument panel, and a burned ice chest.