

Event Type: Dozer Rollover

Date: September 23, 2016

Location: Soberanes Fire, Los Padres NF

NARRATIVE:

While working on suppression repair the dozer became “a little too parallel” to the slope and the dozer overturned. The operator walked away from the incident, but was transported to a local hospital as a precaution.

LESSONS:

Following this incident, the IMT Safety Officer on the California Interagency Incident Management Team developed a safety message for preventing future mishaps of this type that addressed: soft/loose soil conditions, complacency, driving protocols, and operator fatigue. After this dozer rollover incident, this safety message was included on the 204s for Divisions using equipment.

