



Cosumnes Fire Department

Serving Elk Grove and Galt



Press Release

Incident Date - 02/06/2016 Incident Time - 0112

Incident Location - Northbound I-5, North of Lambert Road

Incident Type - Vehicle Accident

Incident Summary

Cosumnes Fire Department Firefighter Struck by Vehicle

ELK GROVE, CA - At approximately 0112 hours on February 6, 2016, Engine 75 and Medic 72 were dispatched to a reported vehicle accident on northbound Interstate 5, approximately 1/4-mile north of Lambert Road in southern Sacramento County. Both units arrived on scene, along with an officer from the California Highway Patrol, to find a single vehicle that had impacted a tree on the right hand shoulder approximately 60 feet off of the Interstate 5 roadway. Crews positioned their apparatus along the right hand shoulder and began making their way down to the vehicle.

Simultaneously, in the northbound lanes of Interstate 5, a Ford Econoline Van collided with the rear of a Honda Civic. The impact caused the Honda to leave the roadway, lose control, and slide through the wet, green grass just east of the roadway, where emergency personnel from Cosumnes FD and CHP were operating. The vehicle struck Cosumnes Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Oviedo, throwing him several feet and narrowly missed the other fire crews and the CHP Officer at scene who were able to jump out of harm's way.

Additional resources were immediately requested to respond to the scene and the personnel on scene began providing emergency medical care to the victim of the initial accident and to Firefighter/Paramedic

Oviedo.

Firefighter/Paramedic Oviedo sustained several rib fractures, a large head laceration and several bumps and bruises. He is in stable condition at a Sacramento-area hospital. His family is by his side, and they are being supported by the men and women of the Cosumnes Fire Department.

This incident is a good reminder for the public to slow down, and when possible move over, when approaching vehicle accidents, construction zones, and other conditions that may alter traffic patterns. It is the law.

The Cosumnes Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency medical services for the cities of Elk Grove and Galt and unincorporated areas of south Sacramento County.

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Note: Attached picture of Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Oviedo are for your use.

