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NEWS RELEASE

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- Near Drowning / Helicopter Rescue -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. October 18, 2011 – At 2:44 pm, Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBC FD) responded to a reported drowning at Lake Cachuma. SBC FD responded an engine, a battalion chief, and a helicopter to the incident. SBC was assisted by the US Forest Service, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept., and County Parks.



Witnesses on scene reported hearing a man calling for help at the Cachuma Lake campground. A camper and a UPS employee rescued the 25 year old man from the water. The man was pulled to shore and revived with CPR. Firefighters

arrived on scene and treated and stabilized the patient. Helicopter 309 with firefighter / paramedics on board airlifted the patient to La Cumbre Jr. High School. An awaiting AMR ambulance transported the patient to Cottage Hospital. Santa Barbara City FD assisted with landing the helicopter. The cause of the incident is under investigation by the Sheriff's Department.

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