



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## NEWS RELEASE

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- Vehicle Accident with Injuries -

GAVIOTA, Ca. December 13, 2011 – At 6:35 am, Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBC FD) responded to a single vehicle accident with injuries, located on Highway 101 south bound, just north of the Gaviota Tunnel.



Craig Vanderzwaag photo

SBC FD responded two engines and a battalion chief to the scene and was assisted by AMR and the CHP. For unknown reasons, the driver of a mid-sized sedan lost control of the vehicle and contacted the embankment. The accident caused a large boulder to become dislodged and strike the car. There were three passengers in the vehicle: two suffered moderate injuries and one suffered minor injuries. One of the passengers had to be extricated from the vehicle by firefighters using the Jaws of Life. All patients were

treated at the scene by firefighter/paramedics. Two were transported by the hospital via AMR ambulance. Highway 101 south bound was reduced to one lane in the area. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the CHP.

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