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Corrections vehicle involved in accident on S.R. 79

PHOENIX (Wednesday, September 11, 2013) – A Department of Corrections Wildland Fire Crew vehicle was involved in a single-vehicle accident at approximately 2:30 PM today on S.R. 79 about ten miles south of Florence.

A crew of ten inmates and two Corrections Officers were in the van.

One inmate suffered injuries to his arm and back and was transported to Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix for treatment. His injuries are not considered life-threatening.

One inmate is being treated for a minor cut to the head and six other inmates are receiving treatment for bumps and bruises.

One Corrections Officer sustained minor injuries and is being treated at an area hospital. The second Officer was uninjured, but is being checked by medical personnel as a precaution.

The accident occurred as the crew was returning from an assignment in Oro Valley en route to the Arizona State Prison Complex – Florence where the inmates are housed.

Fortunately for the injured, two nurses who work for the Department of Corrections health care provider, Corizon, happened upon the scene of the accident moments after it occurred and were able to provide immediate medical attention.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety will conduct the accident investigation.

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