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Moraga-Orinda Fire District

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ORINDA – this morning at 4:10 a.m., the Moraga-Orinda Fire District responded to a vehicle accident on Highway-24 near the St. Stephens exit in Orinda. Firefighters arriving on scene found a single vehicle, which had struck a tree, trapping two of the occupants. Firefighters quickly determined that there were four people who were injured; three critically. Firefighters used the “Jaws-of-Life” to remove the two trapped victims. 14 firefighters from MOFD and paramedics from AMR responded. The victims were transported to a local trauma center in two MOFD paramedic ambulances and one AMR paramedic ambulance.

Division Chief Stephen Healy noted that seatbelts save lives. “Fatality rates involving motor vehicle accidents in the U.S. have dropped from 5% in 1969 to 1% in 2009, due to a number of factors; primarily the mandatory federal government laws requiring the use of seatbelts and vehicle safety improvements,” Healy said. “Still, over 33,000 people died in motor vehicle accidents in the U.S. in 2009, so there’s still work to be done.”

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