

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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VVTA Rescues 20 Stranded Charter Bus Passengers on I-15

Hesperia, CA – Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) rescues 20 charter bus passengers stranded due to bus fire on I-15.

At approximately 9:40 a.m. a CHP called VVTA and explained that he had about 20 passengers from a tour bus that caught fire on the freeway and needed assistance transporting them to a safe location and where they could also utilize a restroom. VVTA immediately dispatched bus #604. Ten minutes later the VVTA bus arrived on the scene at Mariposa and Ranchero where approximately 20 persons were sitting in the dirt. VVTA transported the passengers to the Burger King on Main Street in Hesperia. VVTA waited with the displaced passengers until a replacement charter bus arrived at 12:15 p.m.

County Supervisor and VVTA Board member, Brad Mitzelfelt, commented "VVTA takes its responsibility to the community seriously and is an important element in many emergency preparedness plans."

During the December 2008 snow storm VVTA assisted the fire department in providing relief for passengers stuck in their cars overnight on I-15 and in transporting them to various destinations after the roads were cleared. Additionally, VVTA aided in evacuation efforts for both persons and animals in Hesperia during the 2007 Las Flores Fire.