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Press Release

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Re: Inmates Help Rescue Crash Victim

On August 14, 2012, at about 9:00 a.m. a Corrections Officer and an inmate work crew from Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility were headed westbound on Robert Larson Blvd., in Las Cruces, when a truck that veered off the highway nearly hit them. The full size truck was headed eastbound on I-10 when it veered off the highway and through barbed wire fence.

The truck came to a stop approximately 100 ft. away from the inmate work crew van. The Corrections Officer stopped the van. She and several inmates got out to render aid. The driver appeared to be experiencing cardiac distress. Several inmates and a good Samaritan, who stopped to help, removed the driver from his vehicle.

The victim stopped breathing and had no pulse so the good Samaritan and inmate Carlos Fierro took turns performing CPR. When Rescue arrived the inmates assisted in placing into the ambulance since it was a long distance from the road.

For further details please contact New Mexico State Police Department.

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