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Intoxicated Juveniles Hospitalized

Riverside, CA -- On Thursday 2/3/11, just after 2:00 PM, Riverside Police Officers were dispatched to a call of an intoxicated juvenile in the area of California and Van Buren. A passerby reported seeing what appeared to be a 16-year-old juvenile passed out at the side of the road. The first officer on scene walked into the unimproved Challen Park and saw a group of approximately 15 juveniles. Several of them immediately ran away into the surrounding neighborhoods. Others were so intoxicated they were unable to flee. When more officers arrived they discovered a total of five (5) persons who were in need of emergency medical care because of excessive alcohol consumption and intoxication. At least two were completely unresponsive. Officers called for multiple AMR Ambulance and Riverside Fire Department units to render aid to the individuals.

Four (4) intoxicated juveniles ranged in age from 14-17. One 18-year-old also received care. The individuals who were conscious were extremely belligerent with the officers, AMR and RFD personnel. The five (5) intoxicated persons were taken by ambulance to local hospitals for emergency medical treatment. The parents of the juveniles were notified of their condition and location by Riverside Fire Personnel.

The Riverside Police Department takes incidents such as this very seriously and encourages all parents to closely monitor the activities of their children to ensure their safety and well-being. Underage drinking can be very dangerous and may cause long lasting health concerns in addition to the immediate dangers associated with alcohol intoxication.

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