



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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SYNOPSIS:

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is investigating a helicopter crash in Valley Center.

Deputies from the Valley Center Substation received a 9-1-1 call about the crash near Muutama Road and McNally Road around 7:30 a.m.

The 51-year-old-owner and pilot of a crop dusting helicopter told deputies he was spraying an orchard. The crash happened while the helicopter was being refilled with pesticides. The pilot was not hurt. A 35-year-old passenger helping to refill the helicopter with pesticide suffered minor injuries. He was taken by Mercy Air to Palomar Medical Center for treatment.

Further inquiries regarding the investigation should be referred to the NTSB.