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Swift Water Rescue
LA River @ Riverside Bridge
Incident #1503357
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6:30 p.m.

GFD rescued one person from the LA River

(Glendale, CA) On Monday, March 2, 2015, 5 Glendale units (1 Battalion command team, 1 engine company, 1 truck company, 1 urban search and rescue company, and 1 basic life support ambulance) along with Burbank, Los Angeles City and Pasadena Fire Department resources under the direction of Battalion Chief Ronald Gulli were dispatched to a swift water rescue in the Los Angeles River at the Riverside Drive Bridge in the city of Glendale.

Glendale Engine 27 was first to arrive on scene and discovered two informants waving their flashlights indicating that the patient was located on an island in the middle of the river. Fire companies were deployed on each side of the river and at the Riverside Bridge in order to coordinate a safe rescue. A firefighter was lowered into the water using an aerial ladder in order to make contact with the patient. The patient was then hoisted out of the river along with the patient's bicycle and backpack. Glendale Fire paramedics assessed the patient at the scene who was not harmed during the incident.

Glendale Fire Department resources were on scene for 1 hour and 46 minutes. The Glendale Fire Department reminds residents to stay out of the Los Angeles River during rainy weather as the water level can rise quickly putting lives in danger.

The mission of the Glendale Fire Department is to protect life and property by providing the highest level of service to the community. For more information about the Glendale Fire Department, go to www.glendalefire.org.