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#### Three Injured in Traffic Collision Along Colorado River

**Blythe, CA – August 17, 2025** – On Sunday, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Officers from the Blythe Police Department were conducting maritime enforcement patrols along the Colorado River when they were flagged down regarding a serious traffic collision. The incident occurred on Ox Bow Road, approximately four miles south of Ehrenberg, Arizona.

Officers secured their police vessel and responded on foot to the scene of the collision. When they arrived, they located a vehicle that had overturned in the roadway. Two of the vehicle's occupants, including a child, had been ejected during the crash.

Officers immediately rendered aid to the driver, an adult female, who had sustained a severe laceration to her lower arm and a suspected neck fracture. Officers applied a tourniquet to control bleeding, stabilized her neck with a cervical collar, and administered additional life-saving measures while awaiting paramedics.

Two children, ages 6 and 8, were also inside the vehicle at the time of the collision and suffered multiple serious injuries. Blythe Police Officers provided trauma care at the scene to both children, working quickly to stabilize them.

The La Paz County Sheriff's Department responded due to the severity of their injuries, the two children were transported in a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle to the Ehrenberg area, where they were transferred to awaiting medical personnel. Shortly thereafter, all three occupants of the vehicle were airlifted to trauma centers in the surrounding region for further treatment.

Preliminary information indicated that the driver may have been operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. The La Paz County Sheriff's Department has assumed the lead role in the investigation and is reviewing potential criminal charges related to the incident.

**Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact the Blythe Police Department at 922-6111 or they can give their information anonymously by calling Crime Stop at 921-CARE (2273).**