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Subject : **Ambulance Accident Sends Four People to the Hospital****Contact :** Detective Brian Philip, Police Department 650-329-2413

Palo Alto, CA - On December 22, 2008, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Palo Alto Communications received multiple 911 calls concerning a single vehicle accident on University Avenue. The accident involved a Bay Medic ambulance. The ambulance was providing a private transport for one patient from Concord to a medical facility in Palo Alto.

According to witnesses, the ambulance was traveling westbound on University Avenue when it left the roadway, struck a tree and rolled over on its side. The accident occurred just east of the intersection with Chaucer Street. The 56 year old female patient suffered major injuries and was transported to Stanford Medical Center. Her current condition is unknown. Three ambulance personnel were also transported to Stanford with minor injuries.

The cause of the accident is currently under investigation. Traffic was detoured for a short time while officers collected measurements and took photographs. The street was re-opened at approximately 2:15 p.m.

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