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SHUTTLE BUS DRIVERS TREATED FOR FOODBORNE ILLNESS

INDIO, CA – Shortly after midnight on Monday, April 25, 2022, Riverside County Fire Department dispatchers received reports of several sub-contracted festival shuttle drivers becoming ill with food poisoning after dining at an offsite location by a caterer unaffiliated with the festival. Once the scene was assessed by fire personnel, CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire Department entered Unified Command with Indio Police Department and Goldenvoice Productions to manage the incident.

At least two dozen shuttle bus drivers were transported to hospitals throughout the Coachella Valley by way of Riverside County Paramedic Units from the City of Indio and Cove Communities, shuttle buses that took on fire engine paramedics and personnel, and American Medical Response. The chief complaint of the shuttle drivers was nausea and vomiting. Those transported left the scene in stable condition with non life-threatening injuries.

“Our public safety agencies and event organizers constantly train for incidents like these so that we are prepared to respond to, triage and treat patients, and transport as soon as possible,” said Incident Commander, Division Chief Bryan White. “This incident did not affect any of the guests attending the festival.”

The Riverside County Emergency Management Department (EMD) and Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA) have been notified of the incident.

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