

Randy Duran

Firefighters examine the accident scene in which a Barstow teen-ager died on Tuesday.

Teen dies in truck accident

By IRWIN M. GOLDBERG Dispatch Staff Writer

BARSTOW — A 16-year-old Barstow girl died and three other Barstow teen-agers were injured in a single-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon on Paris Avenue in Lenwood.

The girl, identified as Tepra Dooley, was pronounced dead at the scene after she was thrown from the vehicle, a 1988 Ford pickup truck, said Officer Donny Jones of the California Highway Patrol Dooley and the others (all 16) were traveling on Lenwood Road in the pickup driven by Jaysen Kent at about 4:35 p.m.

"He had exited Lenwood Road onto Paris Avenue at about 60 mph and lost control of the vehicle due to excessive speed," Jones said.

The vehicle rolled several times, Jones said.

Kent and passenger Jennifer McDonald were taken to Barstow Community Hospital with major injuries and later were airlifted to San Bernardino County Medical Center. Kent is in very critical and guarded condition while McDonald is in critical but stable condition, a Medical Center spokeswoman said.

Passenger Christopher Daems suffered minor injuries. He was treated at BCH and released, said House Supervisor Maureen Bodine.

Dooley and Daems were not wearing seat belts, while Kent and McDonald were wearing them, Jones said.

The Barstow Fire Protection District sent two engines, paramedics and two administration units to the scene.