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## **Carnival Ride Accident Investigation**

On 08-14-04 at approximately 7:00 P.M., the Office of the State Fire Marshal was notified of a carnival ride accident, which had taken place at the Holy Rosary Italian Festival in Ansonia, Connecticut. It was reported that a part from "The Sizzler" carnival ride had malfunctioned and became detached while the ride was in operation. During this malfunction, the object struck an adult female victim in her facial area causing injury. This victim was transported by a local ambulance service to Griffin Hospital in Derby, where she was subsequently treated and released for minor injuries to her face. Two additional juvenile victims were also treated at the scene for minor lacerations.

Members of the State Fire Marshal Unit responded to the scene and a detailed investigation is continuing. The carnival ride in question is owned and operated by Rainbow Amusements of Gales Ferry, CT. The ride was immediately taken out of service following this accident. It will remain out of service until such time necessary repairs are made by an engineer licensed to make these repairs. The ride will not be placed back into service in Connecticut until a member of the State Fire Marshall Unit inspects it and deems it safe for operation.

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