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## San Bernardino firefighter who died on family vacation returns today to Southern California

Doug Saunders, The Sun

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John Ruppert (Courtesy photo)



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SAN BERNARDINO >> A procession will take place today on local freeways to bring the body of a San Bernardino firefighter home to Southern California to be buried near his family.

San Bernardino City Fire Engineer John Ruppert was electrocuted Thursday conducting basic maintenance on a houseboat while vacationing with his family on Lake Powell.

Ruppert's body arrives at LA/Ontario International Airport shortly before 1:30 p.m.

Firefighters will escort Ruppert from the airport on the east 10 Freeway to the north 15 Freeway, to the east 210 Freeway, and to the south 215 Freeway to Menifee.

Fire engines are expected to be staged at every overpass on the 215 Freeway on the route, according to officials. Neighboring fire departments will attempt to stage at various overpasses in their cities as a show of respect for Ruppert, of Canyon Lake, before taking him to the Evans Mortuary in Menifee.

A memorial service for Ruppert is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at Canyon Lake Community Church, 30515 Railroad Canyon Road.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160614/san-bernardino-firefighter-who-died-on-family-vacation-returns-today-to-southern-california>

## UPDATE: Man arrested after allegedly stabbing woman multiple times Tuesday

Monica Solano and Paola Baker, Daily Press

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Hesperia Station deputies begin an investigation of a stabbing on Poplar Street in Hesperia on Tuesday. James Quigg, Daily Press

**HESPERIA** — Authorities said a man was detained after he allegedly stabbed a woman Tuesday afternoon.

Richard Chavez, 37, of Hesperia, was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder Tuesday following the incident, San Bernardino County Sheriff's officials said in a news release.

Reports of an "unknown problem" at a home in the 14100 block of Poplar Street were received at 1:12 p.m. Tuesday. The reporting party stated they believed a man, later identified as Chavez, may have hurt someone. As deputies responded to the home, additional information was received that indicated a woman had a leg injury.

Hesperia Sheriff's station Sgt. Ron Goddard said deputies arrived about five minutes later and found a woman with multiple stab wounds. **San Bernardino County Fire Department** paramedics arrived and began treating the woman's wounds. County Fire public information officer Ryan Vaccaro said the woman suffered six stab wounds, two to her chest and four others in an unknown location.

Vaccaro said a Mercy Air helicopter was requested to take the woman to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment. No other details on her condition were available Tuesday.

Chavez was found at a neighboring home and detained without incident, authorities said. Through investigation, deputies found that Chavez and the victim were friends who reportedly had a "falling out," but no other details were provided.

Chavez was arrested and booked into the High Desert Detention Center on suspicion of attempted murder Tuesday. No further information on bail amounts or future court dates was available Tuesday.

No other injuries were reported in the incident.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/article/20160614/NEWS/160619866>

## **Hesperia Code Enforcement Trailer Erupts Into Flames**

Victor Valley News  
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HESPERIA: (VVNG.com)- **San Bernardino County Fire** was dispatched to a trailer fire on the Main Street Bridge just east of 2nd Avenue.

Just before 3:00 PM., on Tuesday, June 14th, a Hesperia Code Enforcement official contacted dispatch advising the trailer he was hauling was on fire.

When firefighters arrived they located a fully involved trailer carrying wood, dead grass, and debris.

Eastbound traffic on Main Street was diverted at 2nd Avenue while firefighters worked on extinguishing the fire. Westbound traffic was not affected.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. More information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/hesperia-code-enforcement-trailer-erupts-into-flames/>

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## **Authorities Seeking Witnesses in Fatal Tuesday Morning Crash**

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HESPERIA: (VVNG.com)- **San Bernardino County Fire** was dispatched to a report of a single vehicle rollover at about 5:20 AM, on Tuesday, June 14th, 2016.

Upon arrival, firefighters located a single vehicle with major damage on the northbound 15 freeway Joshua Street off-ramp to U.S. Hwy 395.

According to Public Information Officer Matt Hunt, based on the officers on scene investigation, this collision occurred when the driver, Andres Perez of Victorville, allowed his Grey 1986 Nissan 300 ZX to veer off the roadway to the east.

Authorities said the Nissan continued off the roadway until striking a flashing yellow, warning light signal pole. Perez was not wearing a seatbelt.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation by the Victorville California Highway Patrol.

There are currently no known witnesses to this collision. The California Highway Patrol is requesting anyone who may have witnessed this collision to contact Officer Poulsen # 17775 of the Victorville CHP Office at (760) 241-1186.

<http://www.vvng.com/one-dead-in-early-morning-crash/>

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## Fire erupts in Victorville's historic Old Town

Inland News Today

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VICTORVILLE – (INT) – Fire heavily damaged a commercial building Monday in the city’s historic Old Town district.

A vacant triplex building was destroyed, but an adjoining historic home was saved.

**County fire fighters** had the flames knocked down in 30 minutes. Damage estimates were not immediately available.

An investigator will determine the fire’s origin and cause.

The location of the blaze was near Sixth and C streets.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=42568>

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## Extreme heat on the way to Southern California

Los Angeles News Group (SB Sun)

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High pressure is building Wednesday, June 15, 2016, and will bring extreme heat to Southern California beginning Sunday. (Enhanced infrared satellite image courtesy of NOAA)

LOS ANGELES — High surf pounded the Southland’s coast today as the region headed for a heat wave characterized by “extreme heat and very dry conditions” and expected to create an “elevated fire danger,” forecasters said.

Record-breaking triple-digit temperatures are likely Sunday through Tuesday, according to a National Weather Service statement, which attributed the approaching heat wave to “a strong upper-level high-pressure system.”

Temperatures are expected to climb into the 90s by Saturday, followed by “widespread triple-digit heat” Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the statement said, warning of “dangerous heat impacts” away from the coast, especially Monday, when new high-heat records may be set.

“From Sunday through Tuesday, high temperatures are expected to soar to between 100 and 112 degrees across the valleys, lower mountain elevations, and the Antelope Valley, with the warmest valley locations possibly reaching 115 degrees on Monday,” it said.

“The projected high temperature for downtown Los Angeles is 100 degrees for Monday. This kind of heat is unusual for coastal communities in June...”

The statement warned that the approaching conditions could have a major impact.

“The widespread triple-digit heat combined with low humidity will likely bring an extended period of elevated fire danger across much of southwest California Sunday through Tuesday,” it said.

The weather service urged area residents to plan how they will cope with the heat. It recommended several self-protective measures:

“Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Avoid being outside during the warmest part of the day. If working outside, work with a buddy and take frequent breaks. Provide water and shelter for animals. Check



on family, friends, neighbors and animals. Also remember to never ever leave children, pets, and the elderly unattended in vehicles, even with windows down.”

Along the coast, a high surf advisory will be in force from 6 this morning until 10 p.m. Thursday in both L.A. and Orange counties as a result of a southerly swell generating strong rip currents that could persist through Friday. Also expected are waves of between 4 and 7 feet with some 8-foot sets today and Thursday.

“There is an increased risk of ocean drowning,” warned an NWS statement. “Rip currents can pull swimmers and surfers out to sea. Sneaker waves can suddenly wash people off of beaches and rock jetties. The combination of surf and high tides could generate minor beach erosion and minor flooding of coastal walkways.”

The statement reminded people caught in a rip current to swim parallel to shore until able to break free.

The NWS forecast partly cloudy skies in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties today -- except in the Antelope Valley, which is expected to be sunny -- and highs of 65 in Avalon and San Pedro; 67 at LAX, in Torrance and Big Bear; 68 on Mount Wilson; 71 in Long Beach; 72 in downtown L.A. and Whittier; 73 in Burbank; 74 in San Gabriel; 75 in Rancho Cucamonga; 76 in Northridge, West Covina, Pasadena and Ontario; 77 in Van Nuys, Woodland Hills and Santa Clarita; 79 in San Bernardino; and 80 in Palmdale, Lancaster and Redlands.

Temperatures will rise Thursday and again Friday as they near the dangerous levels forecast by the NWS.

<http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20160615/extreme-heat-on-the-way-to-southern-california>

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## **VIDEO: Two Vehicles Fly off 15 Freeway injuring Three**

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VICTORVILLE: (VVNG.com)- Three people were injured in a Tuesday evening traffic collision after both vehicles flew off the northbound 15 freeway.

At about 7:30 PM., on Tuesday, June 14th the California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** were dispatched to the southbound 15 freeway south of Stoddard Wells Road.

Upon arrival, they discovered two vehicles, a Honda Civic, and a Honda van had collided and rolled off the freeway down an embankment.

California Highway Patrol officer Ryan Mohatt told Victor Valley News, two females inside the Civic were on their way home from Barstow Community College. The Civic was in the no.1 lane traveling at speeds of 75 MPH when for reasons still under investigation, the Civic veered across all lanes of traffic and clipped the front of the Honda van.

The collision caused both vehicles to leave the freeway and eventually come to a stop in an embankment along the freeway. The Civic landed on its roof and the minivan on its wheels.

“A female passenger in the van suffered a broken leg and was transported to St. Mary’s Medical Center,” said Mohatt, “both females in the Civic were transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center”.

The collision remains under investigation by the California highway Patrol.

<http://www.vvng.com/two-vehicles-fly-off-15-freeway-injuring-three/>

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## **Yucca Mesa Firefighters Report Fire in Yucca Valley Tuesday Afternoon**

**Z107.7 News**

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Yucca Mesa firefighters returning to Fire Station 42 from a training exercise in Yucca Valley Tuesday afternoon were the first to report a fire off Old Woman Springs Road. **County Fire** Captain Bryan Hoverman said they spotted the smoke coming from the wash behind the Circle K, just south of Sunnyslope, about 3:05 p.m. Hoverman said it took firefighters about 10 minutes to knock down a fire that was burning a large desert willow tree in the wash. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://z1077fm.com/yucca-mesa-firefighters-report-fire-in-yucca-valley-tuesday-afternoon/>

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