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Traffic snarled after pickup truck falls 150 feet off freeway

Monica Solano, Victor Valley Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire officials work to hoist a pickup truck back onto Interstate 15. (Photo courtesy of County Fire)

CAJON PASS — A pickup truck was hoisted back onto Interstate 15 after falling 150 feet over the side of the freeway early Saturday morning, bringing traffic to a standstill, officials said.

Just after 10 a.m., **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and California Highway Patrol officials received reports of a traffic collision involving a pickup truck having fallen over the side of the northbound I-15 just south of Cleghorn Road.

According to County Fire Capt. Jared Newcomer, firefighters set up a rope rescue system to hoist the patients out of the vehicle.

Firefighters were able to successfully rescue four people from inside the vehicle with one person suffering major injuries and three people sustaining minor injuries, Newcomer said.

All four victims were transported by ground to a local hospital to be treated for their injuries.

A total of 29 County Fire officials were on scene, with one battalion chief, four paramedic engines, one heavy rescue, one paramedic squad, five paramedic ambulances and one hand crew.

The No.4 lane of the freeway was shut down for an extended period of time, resulting in heavy traffic congestion, according to CHP logs.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160730/NEWS/160739999>

Pickup Truck Plummets 150 Feet off 15 Freeway

Hugo C Valdez, Victor Valley News Group

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(photo by Steven Brittain, for Victor Valley News)

CAJON PASS, Calif – Four people were injured after the pickup truck they were in flew off the northbound I-15 freeway and rolled down an embankment.

The single vehicle crash was reported at 8:30 a.m. on July 30th, 2016, north of Cleghorn.

For unknown reasons the truck, a blue Toyota Tundra went over the side and rolled several times before coming to rest on its wheels down a 150 ft. embankment.

According to **San Bernardino County Fire** Information officer Jarred Newcomer, a rope system was set up to hoist four patients back up to the roadway. It took rescuers approximately 1.5 hours to bring all the patients back up to the roadway, said Newcomer.

One patient classified as immediate was transported by ground ambulance to Loma Linda University Medical Center. Three others, classified as delayed were also treated for non-life threatening injuries.

A total of 29 fire personnel responded to the scene including, one Battalion Chief, four Paramedic engines, one heavy rescue, one Paramedic Squad, five Paramedic Ambulances, and one hand crew.

The crash caused major traffic delays on the northbound side of the freeway due to the no.4 lane being shut down for an extended period of time.

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

<http://www.vvng.com/pickup-truck-plummets-150-feet-off-15-freeway/>

Fire at former Teazers Bar & Nightclub causes an estimated \$30K in damages Friday morning

Jose Quintero, Victor Valley Daily Press

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VICTORVILLE — An early morning fire at the defunct T-Zers Bar & Grill is believed to have caused an estimated \$30,000 worth of damage Friday morning, authorities said.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a fire at the location at 14269 Seventh St. a little after 1:30 a.m.

Firefighters arrived within five minutes of the call and reported smoke coming from the building's attic, according to spokesman Mike McClintock. The fire was under control within 15 minutes of arrival and contained to a "relatively small" portion of the roof, he said.

The department responded with four engines, a ladder truck, paramedic squad and battalion chief.

"The building was vacant and appears to be under renovations from the owner," McClintock said. "None of the content inside was damaged, but the roof and water damage is somewhere near \$30,000. The cause of fire is currently undetermined and still under investigation.

The beleaguered business, formerly named Teazers Bar & Nightclub, was shut down after the Victorville City Council revoked its license in 2014. According to previous Daily Press reports, between May 2008 and May 2013 incidents at the nightclub had sparked more than 900 calls for service.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160729/fire-at-former-teazers-bar-amp-nightclub-causes-estimated-30k-in-damages-friday-morning>

Discarded cigarettes could be responsible for rash of brush fires

Douglas W. Motley, The Alpenhorn News

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Fire officials believe improperly discarded cigarettes may be responsible for a rash of destructive brush fires throughout California during the recent spell of hot, dry and windy weather. One such fire caused major damage to the Super 8 Motel on Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino on July 21, when a brush fire alongside

the I-10 Freeway rapidly spread to palm trees, which in turn ignited the motel's roof. The three-alarm blaze reportedly destroyed 40 percent of the motel and for a while threatened the adjacent La Quinta Inn.

Two more wind-propelled brush fires the same day alongside the I-215 Freeway and SR-138 in the Cajon Pass burned a combined total of 18 acres of dry brush, resulting in road closures and major traffic delays before containment by County Fire and U.S. Forest Service crews.

In the meantime, the wind-whipped Sand Fire, which erupted on Friday, July 22 along the SR-14 Freeway near Santa Clarita, had spread to over 33,000 acres on Monday, causing the death of one resident and forcing the evacuation of some 10,000 homes. Residents in several mountaintop communities reported smoke and falling ashes from the Sand Fire throughout the past weekend.

Currently, there's no hard evidence that improperly discarded cigarettes are responsible for the recent brush fires throughout Southern California, and to say this is the case would be speculative. However, there are those in law enforcement who would cite cigarettes as a leading cause of brush fires.

"Improperly discarded cigarettes is the leading cause of those fires," said Richmond Police Lt. Chris Armstrong, referring to a series of recent brush fires in his Bay Area community. "A lot of people don't realize when they're driving down the highway what may seem harmless to you. Because when you're discarding that cigarette, you may have some old leaves, some old brush; those things can easily ignite."

U.S. Forest Service Public Affairs Officer John Miller on Monday wouldn't discount tossed cigarette butts or ashes as a possible cause of brush fires alongside mountain roads. "I wouldn't rule it out, but it's not the primary cause of fires along the roadside," he said. Miller cited faulty exhaust systems and improperly maintained vehicles as the major cause of brush fires on mountain roads. "When a car is not maintained properly, and you're putting a load on it going uphill, chunks of red-hot carbon that have built up in the exhaust system can break loose and ignite the brush." Another common cause, he said, is sparks from a trailer with dragging chains.

Reminding that the October 2003 Cedar Fire in San Diego County – which torched 273,000 acres, resulted in 15 deaths and 2,232 homes destroyed – had been caused by someone flinging a cigarette butt out the window, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** Public Information Officer Tracey Martinez said Monday, "Some people don't want smoke in their car, but they don't think about the consequences. One flick of a cigarette can ignite the brush."

According to California Highway Patrol Officer Joel Hilfiker, "It's a citable infraction to discard any lit substance from a vehicle." However, he said, a CHP officer must first witness the event. Hilfiker advises motorists who witness such an action not to confront the offender. He suggests getting a description of the alleged offender, the vehicle, its license plate number and the direction of travel and then contacting the CHP. While the CHP may not be able to cite the alleged offender, Hilfiker said, they might be able to contact that person to issue a warning.

<http://alpenhornnews.com/discarded-cigarettes-could-be-responsible-for-rash-of-brush-fires-p7366-154.htm>

Little Mountain blaze scorched 40 acres in San Bernardino

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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A hand crew gets in line Friday night to fight a grass fire in the Little Mountain area. Photo by John M. Blodgett.

SAN BERNARDINO >> A grass fire that began late Friday night on the western side of Little Mountain in San Bernardino scorched about 40 acres.

The blaze, reported about 10:40 p.m. Friday, was about 15 percent contained by 12:45 a.m. Saturday, according to Assistant Fire Chief Ronald Walls. Minimal winds allowed firefighters to make good progress and to mitigate any threat to structures, he said.

Two hand crews and a number of all-wheel-drive brush engines and water tenders climbed narrow and often steep dirt roads to get to the fire.

By 1:26 a.m. Saturday, an official tweet states crews had a line around the fire and reported no injuries or structure damage. Crews remained overnight, and the last unit left 11:12 a.m. Saturday, firefighter/PIO Eric Spies wrote in a text message.

Residents on nearby Grossmont Road watching the fire from front yards could hear firefighters shouting at one another as they fought the crackling flames.

Investigators are still determining the cause, Spies wrote.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160730/little-mountain-blaze-scorched-40-acres-in-san-bernardino>

Crews quell San Bernardino brush fire as heat persists

Matt Stevens, LA Times

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A brush fire broke out late Friday in San Bernardino, scorching about 40 acres of land just west of the 215 Freeway and less than a mile from a middle school.

Fire crews were on scene near the intersection of University and Hallmark parkways about 11 p.m., according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**. No structures were threatened and no injuries were reported.

On the department's Twitter page, officials said they built a line around the fire within about three hours; the fire was contained to about 40 acres.

For more than a week, extremely high temperatures have baked the Southland, combining with high winds and years of drought to create conditions that can help fires spread quickly. Such conditions fueled the fast-moving Sand fire in the Santa Clarita Valley earlier this week that charred more than 38,000 acres.

Though much of the region has cooled in recent days, some areas such as the Indian Wells Valley and Kern County Desert remain under excessive heat warnings. Some parts of San Bernardino could reach highs of close to 100 degrees on Saturday.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-san-bernardino-fire-20160730-snap-story.html>

San Bernardino fire prompts hazmat response

John M. Blodgett, Press Enterprise

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A fire in San Bernardino whose smoke could be seen from throughout the city prompted a hazmat crew because of the items fueling the blaze.

The fire on Gifford Avenue, between San Jacinto Street and Santa Fe Street, has since been contained, **San Bernardino County fire** said in a Tweet.

Among the items that burned: vehicles, tires and pallets, said Battalion Chief Larry Lavogue.

The hazmat team was called in to assess the contents of a truck marked petroleum products.

The blaze is on a 1 1/2-acre parcel about a mile and a half southwest of San Bernardino International Airport.

No injuries were reported.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/fire-809501-prompted-crew.html>

Two women seriously hurt in Air Expressway crash

Victims flown to trauma centers for treatment, official says

Victor Valley Daily Press

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A two-vehicle crash Saturday evening on Air Expressway seriously injured two women. David Pardo, Daily Press.

VICTORVILLE — Two women were seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash Saturday evening on Air Expressway, an official said.

The incident occurred near Nevada Avenue just south of Southern California Logistics Airport. It was reported at 7:22 p.m., according to **San Bernardino County Fire** spokesman Jeff Allen.

Two "immediate" patients were both flown to trauma centers by Mercy Air helicopters, Allen said. County Fire, meanwhile, responded with two paramedic engines and a battalion chief.

At the scene, the two vehicles — both, sedans — showed significant damage; the wrecked vehicles were on opposite sides of the road.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160731/NEWS/160739978/0/SEARCH>

Mountain biker rescued after fall near ski resort

With major injuries, Adamson hoisted by helicopter, flown to hospital

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BIG BEAR — A mountain biker who fell in a remote location near a ski resort, leaving her with major injuries and unable to walk, was hoisted to safety by authorities Saturday morning.

Jamie Adamson, 57, of Lakewood, was riding her mountain bike near Snow Summit ski resort at about 10:40 a.m. when she fell from the bicycle, suffering major injuries that left her unable to walk.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Air Rescue 07 helicopter crew was dispatched to the scene as were **County Fire** personnel.

"Once the helicopter was in position, Deputy Steve Miller lowered (an air medic) down to Adamson," authorities said. "After a brief assessment, Adamson was placed into a litter and hoisted into the helicopter, followed by (the medic)."

The victim was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment of major, yet ultimately non-life threatening injuries.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160731/NEWS/160739977/0/SEARCH>

No injuries in quickly contained fire at San Bernardino board and care home

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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San Bernardino County firefighters make quick work Sunday afternoon of a fire at a board and care home on Sierra Way in San Bernardino. Photo by John M. Blodgett

SAN BERNARDINO >> Firefighters quickly controlled a fire that broke out Sunday afternoon at a board and care home. No one was injured.

Described as a "room and contents" fire by **San Bernardino County fire** battalion chief Dan Filter, it was reported at 3:39 p.m. by San Bernardino police Sgt. Todd Ziegler as he drove by on his way to another call, said Sgt. Vicki Cervantes.

The fire began in a rear bathroom on the first floor and extended into the attic, Filter said. He said at 4:15 p.m. the fire was "knocked down and under control" and an investigator was on the way to determine the cause.

Cervantes said a disturbance between tenants was reported at the home at 2:21 p.m. Police hadn't yet responded when Ziegler drove by, she said.

Police interviewed witnesses at the scene and have not determined whether the disturbance and the fire were connected, she said.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160731/no-injuries-in-quickly-contained-fire-at-san-bernardino-board-and-care-home>

Man Arrested For Arson Fire On Highway 18

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Crestline, CA – Twin Peaks Sheriff's deputies arrested a transient after he was detained by Highway 18 motorists Sunday afternoon after allegedly starting a small fire in a turnout near the fruit stand and Upper Waterman Canyon Road.

ROTWNEWS.com has requested information about the suspect who was booked at the Central Detention Center in San Bernardino following his arrest at 4:29 p.m. on July 31. He was booked on suspicion of violating California Penal Code 452 for setting fire to forest land

THE INCIDENT

Motorists on Highway 18 reportedly observed a man lighting a fire in a turnout on Highway 18 about 4:30 p.m. Sunday and stopped to knock down the fire and detain the suspect until Twin Peaks Sheriff's deputies could respond to the scene.

The motorists utilized water left for overheated vehicles found in gallon jugs in the turnout to initially dose the 4 by 4-foot spot fire and a fire extinguisher from another motorist.

San Bernardino County Fire, CalFire and U.S. Forest Service units also responded and additional water was used to make sure the small fire was completely out.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/08/01/man-arrested-for-arson-fire-on-highway-18/>

Four Injured in Rollover Crash on Cajon Boulevard

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(photo by Steven Brittain, for Victor Valley News)

CAJON PASS, CALIF – (VVNG.com)- Four people were injured following a head-on crash Sunday, July 31st. The two-vehicle collision was reported at 6:49 p.m. on Cajon Blvd and Keenbrook Road.

According to a witness, the silver Ford sedan was traveling northbound on Cajon Blvd. at an unknown rate of speed. As the vehicle began to take on the curve it crossed over into oncoming lanes and collided with a Ford Expedition traveling southbound.

The driver of Expedition attempted to avoid the vehicle by swerving out-of-the-way. However, the two vehicles collided head-on. The crash caused the SUV to overturn and land on its roof trapping its passengers.

San Bernardino County Fire arrived and extricated at least one patient from the SUV.

According to a tweet by San Bernardino County Fire, a total of four patients were transported by ground ambulance. One described as immediate, one as moderate, and two others as minor.

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

<http://www.vvng.com/four-injured-in-head-on-crash-on-cajon-boulevard/>