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## Woman rescued from Adelanto rollover reported missing 5 days ago

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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ADELANTO >> **San Bernardino County Fire Department** extricated a woman trapped in a rolled-over SUV Saturday evening, according to the department's Twitter feed and a spokesperson. The only person in the vehicle, the woman was reported missing 5 days ago.

The incident was reported at 6:11 p.m. Saturday on Torosa Road west of Highway 395 and north of a shooting range. People driving in the area reported seeing the vehicle in the distance, firefighter and spokesperson Jeff Allen wrote in a text.

When they hiked over to the vehicle, which had rolled halfway down a hill, they found the woman inside, Allen wrote.

Because fire trucks were unable to get to the vehicle, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department off-road patrol vehicles brought fire personnel to the scene, according to a fire news release.

Before they could remove the woman from the vehicle, firefighters and search and rescue team members used struts and ropes to stabilize it, the news release states. After being removed she was provided advanced life support and then flown to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center with serious, non-life threatening injuries.

It was not clear how long the woman had been trapped in the vehicle.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20161029/woman-rescued-from-adelanto-rollover-reported-missing-5-days-ago>

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## Woman missing for 5 days found alive in crashed Hummer near Adelanto

Kate Mather, LA Times

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Firefighters rescue a woman from an overturned vehicle near Adelanto on Saturday. (San Bernardino County Fire Department)

A woman who was reported missing five days ago was found alive Saturday evening in a Hummer that crashed near Adelanto in the Mojave Desert, authorities said.

The first calls about the crashed vehicle came shortly before 6:15 p.m., when the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** said it received reports that the vehicle had rolled down a hill off Torosa Road, trapping one person inside.

Because of the difficult terrain, it took firefighters, sheriff's deputies and search-and-rescue workers about an hour to reach the vehicle, stabilize it and rescue the woman inside, officials said. During that time, rescuers learned the woman had been reported missing five days earlier.

The woman — described only as an “older adult female” — was flown to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, officials said. They described her injuries as serious but not life-threatening.

The woman's name has not been released. It was not immediately clear how she came to be reported missing.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-missing-woman-found-20161029-story.html>

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## Missing Woman Located Trapped In Vehicle Near Adelanto

Victor Valley News

Posted: October 30, 2016

ADELANTO, CALIF.(VVNG.com)- Firefighters helped rescue a woman from underneath a rolled over vehicle after missing for five days

On Saturday, October 29th at about 6:11 p.m. **San Bernardino County Fire** received reports of a vehicle rollover in a desert area off Torosa Road west of Highway 395 north of the city of Adelanto.

Initial reports stated a vehicle had rolled down a hill, and one occupant was trapped.

Medic Engine 322 crew arrived on scene several minutes after dispatch and reported a Humvee rolled over mid-slope in an area inaccessible to fire apparatus.

With the help of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department off-road patrol vehicles, Firefighters were transported into the scene. County Firefighters and Urban Search and Rescue members stabilized the vehicle using rescue struts and also used a rope system secured to an anchor, which prevented the vehicle from rolling further down the hill. Once the vehicle was secured the victim was rescued from the vehicle. The entire operation took approximately one hour to complete.

During the rescue operation, it was discovered that the sole occupant of the vehicle, an older adult female, was reported to have been missing for five days. Once removed from the vehicle she was provided advanced life support treatment on scene and transported via Mercy Air to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. Her condition at the time of this release is reported as serious but non-life threatening.

County Fire responded with 2 paramedic engines, 1 heavy rescue , 1 brush patrol, and 1 battalion chief for a total of 12 personnel. For further information on the missing person component of this incident contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

(Source: San Bernardino County Fire)

<http://www.vvng.com/missing-woman-located-trapped-in-vehicle-near-adelanto/>

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## Forecast storm forces mandatory evacuations of 10 Duarte homes due to flash flood fears

Steve Scauzillo, San Gabriel Valley Tribune

Posted: October 27, 2016, 1:20 PM



Stablehand Jose Rodriguez walks Daisy Main, a mule, along the K-rails near the Colby Fire burn in the 700 block of Glendora Ave. in Glendora on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. The forecast for rain into Southern California Friday morning may trigger debris flows and flash floods especially near the recent Fish Fire burn area in Duarte. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, San Gabriel Valley Tribune/ SCNG)



A mail carrier straddles sandbags as he delivers letters to a mailbox to home being protected by K-rails from the possible mudslides from recent the recent in the 200 block of Melcanyon Rd. in Duarte on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. The forecast for rain into Southern California Friday morning may trigger debris flows and flash floods especially near the recent Fish Fire burn area in Duarte. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, San Gabriel Valley Tribune/ SCNG)

A warm, subtropical storm expected to make landfall in Southern California early Friday morning may cause flash floods and debris flows in communities near fire-scarred hillsides and has triggered mandatory evacuations of 10 homes in Duarte, authorities reported.

Residents closest to the Fish fire that burned 4,253 acres in June received evacuation orders Wednesday from county safety officers, said Karen Herrera, Duarte deputy city manager. They are being asked to stay away all day Friday, she said.

She could not say whether the residents were obeying the orders. "Whether they decide to leave is up to them," she said.

A low pressure system is pulling moisture from Hurricane Seymour, a category 1 storm off the coast of Baja California, said Scott Sukup, meteorologist with the Los Angeles and Oxnard National Weather Service.

The storm is predicted to produce one-quarter to three-quarters of an inch of rain in coastal and valley areas, but between 1 inch and 2 inches in the foothills from early morning through the day, with temperatures reaching the 60s and 70s.

Flash-flood watches have been issued for burn areas in the San Fernando, San Gabriel, Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys, as well as the San Gabriel Mountains. Neighborhoods near this summer's Sand fire in the Santa Clarita Valley are also being warned to take precautions.

The region, entering a sixth year of drought, may be more prone to flooding. Areas scorched by last summer's voracious wildfires are more susceptible to debris flow, state officials said. California has experienced 6,726 fires burning a total of 560,888 acres this year as of mid-October, according to the Department of Water Resources.

"Normally, vegetation absorbs rain, but after a wildfire the charred ground where vegetation has been burned away creates a loss of soil strength and can no longer easily absorb rainwater, increasing the risk of flooding and mudflows for several years," **San Bernardino County fire** spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said Wednesday.

Duarte is preparing for 1 1/2 inches of rain with the heaviest precipitation expected between 6 a.m. and noon. The city has placed K-rails on many streets and given out as many as 50 sandbags per property owner within the impacted areas. Residents can pick up prefilled sandbags at Brookridge Lane at Opal Canyon Road and free, unfilled sandbags are available at Los Angeles County Fire Department Station 44 at 1105 Highland Ave.

Hillside areas in Glendora near the Colby fire of January 2014 are not within the flood watch area.

"They are not expecting us to have any mudslides with regards to our Colby (fire) area," explained Valerie Escalante, assistant to the city manager. She said nearly two years of hillside restoration has stabilized the formerly burned-out hillsides. Still, sandbags are available at 440 S. Lorraine Ave.

Duarte residents who evacuated during the Fish fire said they are not expecting much in terms of debris and mud.

"We don't have a threat unless we get a really big rainstorm," said Pat DeVorss, who has lived in her Melcanyon Road home for nearly 60 years. "If we get rain like we just got (last weekend) that would be perfect — the grass would grow and we'd have much less of a problem."

Other forecasters show rainfall amounts much lower than predicted by the NWS.

AccuWeather, based in Orange County, said its models show between one-tenth to one-third of an inch of rain falling starting today, then clearing. The storm's greatest impact will be in San Luis Obispo County and southern Monterey County, said Ken Clark, senior meteorologist with AccuWeather.

"We will get the bottom end of it," Clark said. "It may be more showery instead of plain old rain." Clark called the possibility of thunderstorms "not likely."

For example, he predicts Burbank will receive 0.09 inch of rain and 0.04 inch for El Monte. The farther east, the less rain will fall, Clark said. "I've been on the side where we are not going to get a great amount of rain (from this storm)," Clark said.

<http://www.sgvtribune.com/general-news/20161027/forecast-storm-forces-mandatory-evacuations-of-10-duarte-homes-due-to-flash-flood-fears>

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## **Trick-or-treat forecast: Inland goblins to have a rain-free Halloween**

Anne Millerbernd, Press Enterprise

Posted: October 27, 2016, 6:46 PM

Goblins, ghouls and Donald Trump impersonators alike can expect a rain-free night for trick-or-treating this year.

All Hallows' Eve will be sand-witched between two days where forecasters say showers are possible in the Inland Empire, but parents with their hands full of kids and candy on Monday night are not likely to have to add an umbrella.

On the other hand, a long sleeve shirt under that Wonder Woman costume wouldn't be completely unwarranted, as the National Weather Service says lows on Monday will land in the 40s and 50s.

Before we throw on our pantsuits and blonde wigs and go out begging for candy from strangers, we're going to have to make it through two low-pressure systems that are promising rain for the area.

A flash flood watch has been issued for the San Bernardino Mountains in anticipation of showers that could produce more than an inch of rain there overnight Thursday into Friday.

The rain is expected to start Thursday night and continue for much of Friday morning and some of the afternoon, according to the National Weather Service. Far less rain is expected in the Inland valleys.

Flooding is most likely to occur in the area scarred by the more than 37,000-acre Blue Cut Fire, according to the weather service.

"Rainfall rates of a half inch per hour or one inch in three hours could occur" in that area, forecasters said in a weather analysis.

Mountans and deserts are also expected to see high winds.

Folks living in and below that area are also asked to be mindful of debris flows, which can still occur when little rain is falling.

**San Bernardino County fire** officials recommend sandbags, which can be picked up at county fire stations.

The department reminds folks to stack sandbags in a pyramid formation and wrap them with plastic. While it may not keep water entirely out of the home, properly placed sandbags can help reduce damage, the department said in a statement.

The valleys are expected to get a few tenths of an inch of rain, meteorologists say.

The majority of the rainfall from the coming storm system is expected to reach the central part of the state, but taper off as it reaches the Inland area. It is one of three such systems headed our way in the coming days.

The second round is expected Sunday. Though that system isn't expected to produce much rain, a few tough little rain clouds may manage to coat the area with some fresh dew.

Finally on Tuesday, after the wigs and costume makeup are put on their shelves, the weather service says we should a chance of rain once again.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/donald-816985-treating-hallow.html>

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## **Why the big storm didn't materialize in the Inland Empire**

**Brian Rokos, Press Enterprise**

Posted: October 28, 2016

A much gentler version of what had the potential to be a heavy and damaging storm is expected to arrive in the Inland Empire on Saturday, Oct. 29, the National Weather Service said.

Residents of the mountain communities had been warned to prepare for the possibility of mudslides Friday in areas where fire had killed the vegetation that holds slopes together, but the storm instead mostly lingered to the north, said Dan Gregoria, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service's San Diego office.

Additionally, there wasn't moisture in the clouds that hung over the Inland Empire, Gregoria said.

The rain that is expected to fall Saturday and Sunday should be light. The greatest chance of rain in the Inland mountains and valleys will be Sunday.

"Not looking at anything significant," Gregoria said.

The showers will happen mainly in the mountains Saturday, with any remaining moisture producing some showers from the coast to the mountains, according to the Weather Service online forecast discussion.

The storm system is strong enough to produce wind gusts from the west in the mountains and deserts up to 40 mph, the discussion said.

The skies are expected to be clear Monday for Halloween.

As the first major storm of the fall loomed, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** urged residents to download a smartphone app that will provide resources to help prepare for disasters. The app, Ready SB, is available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The app was created through the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services in partnership with QuickSeries Publishing.

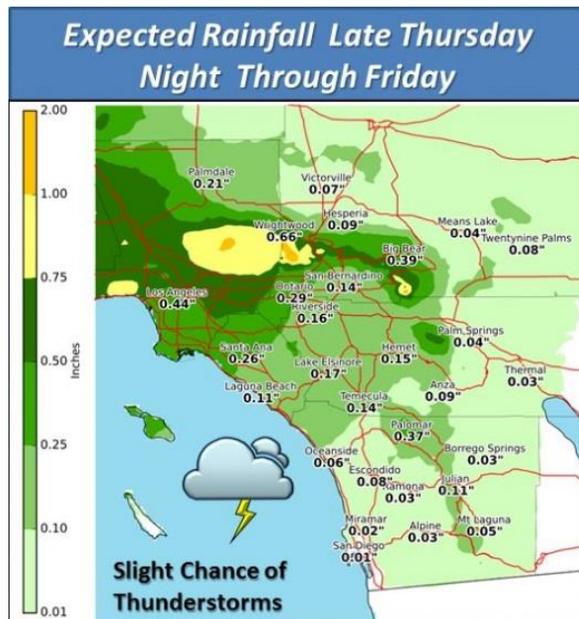
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## Welcome mat out for stormy Southland encore

Inland Empire News Today

Posted: October 28, 2016



**INLAND EMPIRE – (INT)** – It's not a drought-buster. But, the second of two storms this week has enhanced the opening of the rainy season.

Moisture pouring in off the Pacific is emanating from two sources, a low pressure center off the coast and from Hurricane Seymour west of Baja California. Combined, the plume is predicted to bring up to a half-inch of rain to the coastal and valley areas and 1-3 inches in the mountains.

A flash flood watch for the mountains of San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Ventura counties will be terminated late Friday. It applies especially to areas burned by the Blue Cut and Pilot fires.

Colder air accompanying the storm will add to the chance of thunderstorms, but not as intense as last weekend when more than 4,000 strikes were detected in a 4-county region.

Temperatures will be trending downward as the 70s become the 60s by Sunday and Monday when another impulse of moisture could touch off a few scattered light showers for those celebrating Halloween.

Sunshine returns for the opening of November.

Five years of drought conditions have exacerbated wildfires across the state. Rain is falling on fire burn scars, making these areas prone to sudden erosion along roads and through neighborhoods.

The State Department of Water Resources is urging awareness of weather conditions and forecasts, the risks and the possibility to evacuate quickly if ordered by local officials.

CAL FIRE has taken measures to stabilize slopes, including straw-mulching and installing Early Warning System rain gauges linked to local government emergency response systems.

The new **San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services** app, Ready SB, provides residents with

multiple resources that will assist them in preparing for a disaster such as flooding. Ready SB is now available as a free download from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store and can immediately help residents prepare themselves for emergencies.

Some other resources:

- To find your closest sandbag location and other information on storm preparation check SBCoFire's website at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).
- Check the Weather Portal on this website or the National Weather Service at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) to see current and upcoming weather events.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=43932>

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## Fire crew put on year-round duty

Douglas W. Motley, Alpenhorn News

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Members of the county's Old Cajon Fire Crew primarily use chainsaws, axes and other hand tools to battle wildfires. (Photo courtesy of SB County Fire Dept.)

Recognizing the need for a year-round firefighting hand crew, San Bernardino County Fire Department recently announced that its 15-member Old Cajon Fire Crew has been put on year-round duty. "Since its inception, the need for a year-round hand crew has increased," **County Fire Department** spokesman Louis Penna said in a news release.

In July 2012, Penna said, the county created its first hand crew, known as the "Old Cajon." Under the supervision of one superintendent and two foremen, the crew is now able to provide full-time, 24-hour, year-round assistance and support on all countywide incidents, including vegetation and structure fires, floods, search and rescue operations and fuel reduction projects. Penna said crew members primarily fight fires by cutting, chopping and scraping away vegetation using chain saws, axes and other hand-held tools.

According to County Fire Department spokeswoman Tracey Martinez, the Old Cajon Fire Crew is the only county fire crew that is on 24-hour-a-day, year-round duty. The other hand crews, she said, are seasonal and are pressed into service during the high fire danger summer and fall months. She said the Old Cajon crew is augmented by 12 seasonal hand crewmembers six months out of the year for a total of 27 members. Martinez told The Alpenhorn News last week that the Old Cajon crew had most recently been called on in August to create fire breaks and conduct mop-up operations on the Pilot Fire north of Lake Arrowhead and

devastating Blue Cut Fire that swept through the Cajon Pass, as well as a recent series of fires in Waterman Canyon.

All hand crew members, Penna said, undergo rigorous training, including wildland fire behavior, advance wildland firefighting tactics, saw and hand tool techniques, helicopter operations, confined space awareness, structure protection techniques and Haz-Mat response. Additionally, crewmembers are Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or first-responder trained.

<http://alpenhornnews.com/fire-crew-put-on-yearround-duty-p7607-155.htm>

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## **Study: Firefighters face battles with cancer more than public as a whole**

**Rene Ray De La Cruz, Daily Press**

Posted: October 29, 2016, 5:33 PM



San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire in the 14400 block of Jamaica Lane in Helendale on Friday, Nov. 6, 2015. David Pardo, Daily Press

APPLE VALLEY — While residents continue to praise firefighters for risking their lives battling the recent Pilot and Bluecut fires, many first responders are battling another danger.

Research found that 68 percent of firefighters develop cancer compared to about 22 percent of the general population, no matter the race or gender, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

“Years ago, a firefighter would fight a structure fire and deal mostly with burning wood,” Chief Sid Hultquist, with the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, told the Daily Press. “Today, our men and women are dealing with all types of burning materials that emit toxic inhalants.”

Hultquist said even with breathing and body protection, many carcinogens enter the body through the skin, especially in the exposed neck area.

“Not only are we dealing with burning material from a structure fire, we also have to deal with burning chemicals and also contaminants from drug labs,” Hultquist said. “When we go into a fire, we now have to battle more than just the fire.”

San Bernardino County Assistant Fire Chief Ron Walls and Hultquist said even trying to clean fire gear after a blaze has been problematic, with firefighters unsure if all toxins have been removed from their gear.

“Unfortunately, little is known about what it takes to remove chemical toxins and biologic pathogens in gear — and at what point the gear is clean enough to not be a risk to the firefighters they are supposed to protect,” according to a consortium of researchers, NIOSH and industry sponsors, led by Casey Grant at the Fire Protection Research Foundation.

Cory Norton, an engineer/paramedic with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, who has served with the agency for nearly 10 years, said he’s battled a rare form of cancer since being diagnosed earlier this year.

Norton, a father of two young children with his wife, Tawni, is battling an aggressive epithelioid sarcoma near his lumbar spine, which has metastasized into his lungs. The 29-year-old firefighter has endured several treatments including chemotherapy, radiation and multiple surgeries.

“It’s been a daily battle, but I have a great support system,” Norton told the Daily Press after he was awarded a Hesperia Hometown Hero award from Walls last month. “I just have to keep fighting the fight.”

County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig said it was the heroic efforts of firefighters like Norton who risked their lives that stopped both the Pilot Fire and the Bluecut Fire.

After meeting with a physician, Norton discovered his cancer was so rare that his doctor had never seen it in his 28-year career. Because of the rarity of the cancer and its location, the outcome of treatment and Norton’s prognosis remain uncertain.

Several studies have reported nearly 30 forms of cancer have been commonly found among firefighters, including bladder, colon, intestine, kidney, lung, stomach, testis and prostate cancer, as well as leukemia, malignant melanoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

At the beginning of his career, Norton was injured after a high elevation fall where he broke several vertebrae. After several surgeries and time off, Norton returned to work but later began experiencing back pain. When he sought medical treatment for his back, doctors discovered the malignant tumor.

Norton did not battle the Bluecut and Pilot fires, but did spend two weeks in August at the River Complex in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest protecting structures in Trinity Village. Norton, along with several county firefighters, were among those from 19 states who went to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to battle 40 lightning fires that converged to burn 45,000 acres.

“Everybody with county fire and our fire district knows Cory and his family,” Hultquist said. “He’s from a firefighter family and the entire firefighter community is praying for him and his family.”

In a two-year span beginning in 2013, more than 160 firefighters died in the line of duty, but cancer claimed more lives than fire. A combined population of 30,000 firefighters from three large cities had higher rates of several types of cancers, and of all cancers combined, than the U.S. population as a whole, a NIOSH news release said.

Cancers of the respiratory, digestive and urinary systems accounted mostly for the higher rates of cancer seen in the study population. The higher rates suggest that firefighters are more likely to develop those cancers, the NIOSH reported.

Also, the population of firefighters in the study had a rate of mesothelioma two times greater than the rate in the U.S. population as a whole. This was the first study ever to identify an excess of mesothelioma in U.S. firefighters. The researchers said it was likely that the findings were associated with exposure to asbestos, a known cause of mesothelioma.

“I know they’re working on new gear to protect firefighters and that’s a wonderful thing,” Hultquist said. “We’re urging our people to get regular checkups and to keep their health in check.”

For more information, visit [www.firefightercancersupport.org](http://www.firefightercancersupport.org).

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20161029/study-firefighters-face-battles-with-cancer-more-than-public-as-who>

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## Truck Crashes Into Pole on Hesperia Road

Victor Valley News

Posted: October 29, 2016



(Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, CA:(VVNG.com)- A male sustained minor injuries after colliding into a telephone pole early Saturday morning.

At about 6:20 a.m. dispatch received a report of a vehicle versus a pole on Hesperia Road near Center Street in Victorville.

**San Bernardino County Fire** arrived on scene and located a white Nissan Frontier with front end damage and a cement light pole down in the dirt shoulder.

The male driver did not appear to have suffered any major injuries. He was evaluated at the scene by paramedics.

Southern California Edison is on scene to repair the downed light pole. A fire hydrant was also sheared in the crash but did not leak any water.

The cause of the crash is currently under investigation.

<http://www.vvng.com/truck-crashes-into-pole-on-hesperia-road/>

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## Adelanto Woman Dies From Injuries Sustained in Crash

Victor Valley News

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VICTORVILLE, CALIF.(VVNG.com)- A 33-year-old Adelanto woman identified as Pamela Williams was killed in a traffic collision on Friday afternoon.

At about 5:30 p.m. on October 28th dispatch received reports of a two-vehicle traffic collision on Monte Vista Road south of Palmdale Road.

**San Bernardino County Fire** arrived and located two vehicles with major front end damage near Nyack Road. Arriving deputies discovered a 2013 Mazda 3 had been traveling northbound on Monte Vista Road, north of Olivine Road, when the driver, Pamela Williams crossed into the southbound lane, colliding with a 2016 BMW sedan.

Per scanner reports, an air ambulance was initially requested to airlift Williams to a trauma center. As the airship landed at the scene, the request to transport was canceled. Williams was taken by ground ambulance to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries at 6:43 p.m.

The female driver of the BMW also required medical attention and was transported to a local hospital for complaints of pain and unknown injuries. Her condition is not known at this time.

Monte Vista Road was closed in both directions between Maricopa Road and La Mesa Road for several hours. The cause of the crash is currently under investigation.

Deputy Chris Dekeyrel and Deputy Mark Chavez, from San Bernardino County Sheriff's Major Accident Investigation Team, are conducting an investigation into this collision. Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Deputy Dekeyrel or Deputy Chavez, at (760) 241-2911. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78CRIME (27463) or you may leave information on the We-Tip website at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

<http://www.vvng.com/adelanto-woman-dies-from-injuries-sustained-in-crash/>

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## **Firefighters investigate Haz-Mat threat in Hesperia house**

Monica Solano, Daily Press

Posted: October 29, 2016

HESPERIA — Firefighters responded to a potential Haz-Mat threat Thursday night at a home in Hesperia.

According to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** official Twitter page, Haz-Mat units responded to a call regarding a strong chemical odor coming from a home in the 11400 block of Shahaptin in Hesperia.

Officials arrived and discovered the source of the smell coming from a chemical reaction among normal household chemicals. "There was nothing malicious about the incident," said County Fire Capt. Dan Nelson. "One of the neighbors had called us regarding the smell and firefighters and a sheriff knocked on the door and asked those occupying the house to step outside only to discover the smell was caused from a mixing spray for a project they were doing."

Nelson said no injuries were reported as firefighters ventilated the home and those occupying the home were able to return safely

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## Fontana pallet fire quickly contained

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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San Bernardino County firefighters cut an opening in a fence to allow a dozer access to a pallet fire early Sunday in Fontana. (Staff photo by John M. Blodgett)



A San Bernardino County Fire Department dozer and inmate hand crew mop up after containing an early Sunday pallet fire in Fontana. (Staff photo by John M. Blodgett)

FONTANA >> A lack of wind prevented an early Sunday pallet fire from spreading and helped firefighters contain it within an hour, a fire official said.

The fire at Meza Pallets at 14619 Merrill Ave. in Fontana was reported at 4:20 a.m., said **San Bernardino County Fire** Capt. Kyle Hauducoeur. Crews contained the blaze to an area roughly 120 feet by 80 feet within an hour, he said.

The fire was “easy to handle because of no wind,” Hauducoeur said. In cases where winds do pick up, he said pallet fires can move quickly like vegetation fires with heavier fuels.

There was a flurry of activity as forklifts moved stacks of pallets both to prevent the fire from spreading and to help clear a way for a fire department dozer to come in and turn over the charred remains of pallets. An inmate hand crew also helped spread the debris to allow it to cool.

The cause of the fire was unknown at 8 a.m. and an investigator was on scene, Hauducoeur said.

In addition to pallets, a forklift was damaged in the fire, Hauducoeur said. There were no injuries.

Units and crews from Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department assisted in containing the fire.

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/general-news/20161030/fontana-pallet-fire-quickly-contained>

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## Firefighters Battle House Fire in Victorville

Victor Valley News

Posted: October 30, 2016



(Steven Brittain, for Victor Valley News)



(Steven Brittain, for Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif:(VVNG.com)- **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a residential structure fire in the 11000 block of Laurel Oak Road Sunday evening.

At about 6:22 p.m on October 30th dispatch received numerous calls reporting a house fire. Upon arrival, firefighters located a single story home with a working attic fire and heavy smoke showing.

Units went into to the offensive attack mode and conducted a primary search of the structure, according to a tweet by SB County Fire.

According to Cpt. Jeff Allen, ember cast threatened an adjacent home to the north of the structure. “We were able to prevent the fire from spreading to the home next door.”

It took firefighters approximately 30 minutes to put out the fire. Per scanner reports, the fire was out just before 7:30 p.m.

“The home sustained significant damage on the inside. We were able to save some of the contents that were inside the garage,” stated Allen.

No injuries were reported by firefighters or civilians.

A total of 14 personnel responded including, two paramedic engines, two paramedic truck companies, a Battalion Chief, and a fire investigator.

The official cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

<http://www.vvng.com/firefighters-battle-house-fire-in-victorville/>