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Several people were injured Wednesday, Jan. 4, in a butane honey oil lab explosion in Colton.

Police and firefighters responded to a home in the 1300 block of North Coro Drive around 4:30 p.m. after receiving a call about an explosion at a home, according to a Colton Police Department news release. Authorities quickly determined that the explosion was caused by a butane honey oil lab in the garage, the news release said.

Several people -- the news release did not say exactly how many -- were injured in the explosion, some of whom were hospitalized.

Police and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** investigators are still looking into the explosion.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/honey-822423-butane-police.html>

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Members of the Joshua Tree Search and Rescue team take a photo in the Hall of Horrors after helping a fall victim Friday. JOSAR photo

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK — A man was rescued by a joint effort of emergency teams after he fell while hiking in the Hall of Horrors area of rock formations in Joshua Tree National Park on Friday.

According to **county Fire Department** Battalion Chief Mike Snow, the man was climbing when he fell from an unknown height.

Joshua Tree Search and Rescue, Morongo Basin Ambulance, the sheriff's air rescue and County Fire all helped extract him.

He suffered a fractured shoulder and a broken lower leg, Snow said.

"It took about two and a half hours for us to complete the call," the fire chief added.

The sheriff's air rescue team ultimately was the saving factor that hoisted him out of the area.

Joshua Tree Search and Rescue, a volunteer group, took to their Facebook page to explain the rescue.

"A 40-plus-year-old man was scrambling on some rocks in hiking boots and fell into a crevice," the post read. "JOSAR set up anchors and ropes to lower, but it was determined that county's helicopter would hoist the subject to the parking lot."

The fall victim was transported to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs for treatment.

The Hall of Horrors is a group of rock formations accessible from Park Boulevard. A Culver City man died when he fell while climbing at the Hall of Horrors in 2012.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_00fa2af4-d398-11e6-9c8f-7bd30fc6f259.html