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Downed paraglider rescued near San Bernardino airpark

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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A San Bernardino County sheriff's helicopter drops off firefighters Sunday afternoon at Andy Jackson Airpark in San Bernardino before flying to LLUMC with injured paraglider pilot. Photo by John M. Blodgett

SAN BERNARDINO >> **San Bernardino County firefighters** and a sheriff's helicopter crew rescued an injured paraglider pilot Sunday who crashed on a mountainside near Andy Jackson Airpark.

The paraglider pilot suffered "various traumatic injuries" and was flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center, said firefighter and spokesman Jared Newcomer.

Word spread at the airpark that the pilot had contacted someone by cell phone and said his leg was broken. The cause of the crash was not immediately known.

Ken Howells, a hangglider and paraglider pilot who was at the airpark but did not see the crash, surmised that turbulence in a thermal could have caused him to go down. He said such a condition can cause a wingtip to fold under and the paraglider to sink.

A pilot can maneuver out of it, he said, so long as there is sufficient altitude.

Anticipating an air rescue, some of those on the ground at the airpark laid a cross of white fabric on the landing field to signal those hanggliders and paragliders still in the air to land.

Using a hoist, the helicopter crew deposited two firefighters near where the paraglider had crashed, then returned to pick them and the injured pilot up. The helicopter then landed at the airpark to drop off the two firefighters before flying to the medical center.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160703/downed-paraglider-rescued-near-san-bernardino-airpark>

Paraglider Crash Sends Pilot to Emergency Room

G.T. Houts, Rim of the World News

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San Bernardino, CA – A badly injured paraglider pilot who crashed on a mountainside near the Andy Jackson Airpark in San Bernardino Sunday had to be rescued by helicopter and transported to the Emergency Room at Loma Linda University Medical Center.



A Sheriff's Department chopper staffed with **San Bernardino County Fire** paramedics responded to the scene and conducted a hoist lift of the pilot who sustained "various traumatic injuries," according to information provided by County Fire.

THE INCIDENT

The injured man contacted someone at the airpark behind California State University San Bernardino and indicated he had a broken leg.

Armed with that information, emergency personnel were summoned to the accident site and other paragliders were directed to land to clear the airspace for the chopper.

The notification came in the form of a cross of white fabric on the landing field placed by volunteers.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

THE RESCUE

Once over the accident site, the helicopter crew lowered two paramedics near where the paraglider had gone down.

Once the injured pilot was ready to be hoisted into the helicopter, the aircraft picked up the man and the two firefighters.

The chopper landed at the airpark — a secured landing area — and the two firefighters got out of the aircraft and it made its way to the Emergency Room at Loma Linda.

The condition of the unnamed pilot was not immediately available. The launch site in the San Bernardino mountains was also not released.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/07/04/paraglider-crash-sends-pilot-to-emergency-room/>

No injuries in San Bernardino fire that destroyed garage and car

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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Firefighters put out a fire Friday evening inside the garage of a home in the 100 block of San Anselmo Avenue in San Bernardino. Photo by John M. Blodgett



Bystanders inspect the damage caused by a garage fire at a home in the 100 block of San Anselmo Avenue in San Bernardino. Photo by John M. Blodgett

SAN BERNARDINO >> No one was injured in a Friday evening blaze that destroyed a garage and a car inside it.

A fire official said the cause is under investigation.

The fire, at a home in the 100 block of San Anselmo Avenue in San Bernardino, was reported shortly after 7 p.m., said San Bernardino County firefighter and spokesman Jared Newcomer.

The fire apparently started in the garage and began extending into the attic of the attached house, yet a “pretty aggressive” attack on the part of firefighters knocked down the blaze within 20 minutes, he said.

Neighbor Carla Kuhn said she raced to the house from her home half a block away after hearing a “loud boom.” She said new owners had been in the house for only two days.

“The grass is even black,” she said. “The fire blew so hot, I guess.”

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160701/no-injuries-in-san-bernardino-fire-that-destroyed-garage-and-car>

Rialto garage fire extinguished

Ryan Hagen, The Sun

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RIALTO >> Firefighters aggressively attacked a garage fire Monday, stopping it from spreading into the attached residence, official say.

Firefighters from Rialto and **San Bernardino County** responded to the house fire in the 700 block of South Vine Avenue about 3:15 p.m. and prevented any damage to the main house, according to a news release.

The residents of the house were home when the fire started but evacuated after neighbors told them of the fire. No civilians or firefighters were wounded, according to the news release.

Firefighters were working to determine the cause or origin of the fire as of Monday evening.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160704/rialto-garage-fire-extinguished>

One Killed in Off-roading Accident Monday Night

Victor Valley News

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LUCERNE VALLEY:(VVNG.com)- One person was killed in an off-roading accident on Monday night.

At about 11:15 p.m. on July 4th, the California Highway Patrol, and **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to Midway Avenue and Sunswept Drive.

Per scanner traffic, when first responders arrived CPR was in progress. Despite life-saving measures 28-year-old Antonio Contreras, a resident of Lucerne Valley was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to the San Bernardino Coroners for unknown reasons Contreras lost control of the quad and was ejected.

An air ambulance was requested to transport a second patient to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. The designated landing zone was established at Pioneer Park.

The CHP is investigating the collision.

More information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/one-killed-in-off-roading-accident-monday-night/>

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