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## Woman Killed in Tuesday Morning Crash on Highway 395

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ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com)- A 64-year-old San Bernardino woman was killed in traffic collision on U.S. Highway 395 Tuesday morning.

On January 31, 2017, at 9:45 a.m. Officers with the California Highway Patrol and paramedics from **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to mile marker 35.5 in unincorporated Adelanto.

According to the coroners log, the woman was the driver and sole occupant of a 1997 Mercury Mountaineer. The vehicle was traveling northbound on highway 395 when the driver lost control of her vehicle, left the roadway, and overturned.

The female was pronounced dead at the scene from her injuries.

Her identity will be released once next of kin is located and identified.

The crash is currently under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

<http://www.vvng.com/woman-killed-tuesday-morning-crash-highway-395/>

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## San Bernardino Woman Loses Her Life in Adelanto Crash

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ADELANTO – A 64-year-old San Bernardino woman lost her life after her vehicle overturned on US-395 in Adelanto on Tuesday morning. At around 9:45 a.m. the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** medics responded to the area of CA-395 and mile marker 35.5 (north of Shadow Mountain). When they arrived they located a 1997 Mercury Mountaineer overturned with a woman inside.

CHP officials said that the woman was traveling northbound on CA-395, when for reasons that remain under investigation she lost control of her vehicle, the vehicle left the roadway, and overturned. Despite life-saving efforts, including CPR, the woman died at the scene as a result of her injuries. The identity of the deceased woman has not been released so that the family can first be notified. The collision remains under investigation by the CHP.

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## Mercury spill at Redlands private school triggers evacuations Monday

Doug Saunders, San Bernardino Sun

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REDLANDS >> Mercury stored in the science lab at the Packinghouse Christian Academy corroded through its container and spilled onto a student Monday, triggering a chain of events leading to evacuations at the school.

“The teacher took appropriate action to evacuate the classroom and decontaminate the student,” Redlands spokesman Carl Baker said in an emailed statement Tuesday. “By the time Redlands Fire Department was called, the student had been sent home and we detected only trace amounts of mercury in the classroom, well below the threshold that is considered a concern.”

Shortly before 11 a.m. police called for Redlands firefighters to respond to the school to evaluate the spill.

Officials said approximately 4 to 6 ounces of the element were spilled; however, trace amounts were also detected in adjoining classrooms, most likely spread by the ventilation system.

Those classrooms also were evacuated.

“Our understanding is that, while the amounts of mercury detected were below the threshold of concern, out of an abundance of caution and in consultation with the HazMat team, the school hired a private professional to do a cleanup to all the affected classrooms,” Baker stated.

Mercury, which is considered poisonous in any form, can be found in thermometers, barometers, signs and other scientific instruments.

The federal and state drinking water standard for mercury is 2 parts per billion.

School officials sent out an email to parents late Tuesday afternoon advising them of the incident.

A call to the school was greeted by a person who declined to comment about the hazardous material spill but referred all media questions to the principal, Jeff Lindeman.

Lindeman was unavailable for comment.

“**San Bernardino County Fire** sent hazardous materials to the home of the student and used a mercury vapor analyzer and checked the entire home for mercury finding no traces of the element,” fire spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said.

The child isn’t exhibiting symptoms related to mercury contamination, Martinez said.

“We received no other reports of students suffering exposure to any significant level,” Baker said.

<http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/general-news/20170131/mercury-spill-at-redlands-private-school-triggers-evacuations-monday>

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## Officer Frank Losch honored for being Police Department's Employee of the Year

Fontana Herald News

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Officer Frank Losch was honored at a recent City Council meeting for being the Fontana Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2016. (Herald News photo by Alejandro Cano)

Officer Frank Losch was honored at the City Council meeting on Jan. 24 for being the Fontana Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2016.

Losch, who has served the department for 28 years, is currently assigned as a background investigator in personnel and training. During the last year, he completed 30 background investigations, which led to the hiring of 18 employees.

Last June, Losch was tasked with setting up active shooter training for the Fontana P.D. involving the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and **San Bernardino County Fire**.

"It is clearly evident the amount of planning and detail Frank put into this training," said Fontana Police Chief Bob Ramsey. "Frank has worked diligently to provide for the training of our department and region to prepare us for an active shooter scenario."

Losch was named the June Employee of the Month for his effort.

Then in October, Losch was tasked with setting up the IVS portion of annual training, Ramsey said.

"The original idea presented to Frank was for a four-hour building search training," Ramsey said. "Frank wanted to make the training the absolute best that he could. Frank decided to make a scenario based training, exposing the officers to several scenarios dealing with a variety of situations. These types of trainings require a large area to host, numerous role-players, and a large amount of equipment."

Losch found that the Arrowhead Springs Resort, which was recently purchased by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, offered the best location, buildings, and layout for the training that he envisioned.

"Frank worked for three weeks between San Manuel, Human Resources, and our department to reach a MOU that would allow for the use of the ASR," Ramsey said. "Now that the MOU is in place, our department can train there anytime."

Losch's training offered as many as seven scenarios in one day. It took more than 60 people to make the training a success, with 52 of those people being role players, Ramsey said.

"Everyone I have spoken to about the training has said it was the best training our department has offered," Ramsey said.

While getting this training set up and being present every day, Losch still found a way to get seven backgrounds completed.

"Frank has been with us for almost three decades," Ramsey said. "In the twilight of his career, he is still working extremely hard and making sure our people get the best training and employees they possibly can. Frank never looks for the easy way; instead he focuses on the best way, even when it inevitably involves more work. From Frank's dedication to his background investigator assignment, to representing our department at large events, to planning trainings that may save lives, Frank is there for us."

[http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/officer-frank-losch-honored-for-being-police-department-s-employee/article\\_22b4c0fa-e7d9-11e6-a08d-9b84f9487e56.html](http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/officer-frank-losch-honored-for-being-police-department-s-employee/article_22b4c0fa-e7d9-11e6-a08d-9b84f9487e56.html)