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Victorville school bus accident hospitalizes 2 (UPDATE)

Richard Brooks, Press Enterprise

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A school bus collided with a car along the southeastern boundary of Victorville, sending the car's driver and a young passenger to the hospital, said California Highway Patrol officers and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** dispatchers.

The wreck was reported at 2:55 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, near Ridgecrest Road and High Crest Street, just west of Spring Valley Lake Country Club.

No one aboard the bus was hurt, a fire department dispatch supervisor said, but a medical evacuation helicopter was summoned for someone in the other vehicle.

The crash involved the bus and a Honda car occupied by the driver and two children, said CHP Sgt. Todd Weichers. The driver and one child were taken to hospital, he said.

No other details were available.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/hospital-817274-boundary-southeastern.html>

Child Airlifted After Crash Involving a School Bus in Victorville

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(Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif.(VVNG.com)- A school bus carrying children was involved in a traffic collision Monday afternoon.

On October 31st at about 2:57 p.m. dispatch received reports of a traffic collision on Ridgecrest Road and Pebble Beach Drive in Victorville.

A white Honda Accord and a Victor Valley Union High School bus carrying children from Endeavour School of Exploration were involved in the collision.

At the time of the crash, the school bus was occupied by two students and a female bus driver. The Honda was occupied by two children and a female driver approximately 60-years-old.

According to **Battalion Chief Bill Mahon**, there were no injuries to the two children or the driver on the school bus and there were two injuries in the automobile.

“The minor in the vehicle was classified as “immediate,” her injuries were serious enough that the on-scene paramedics would like to fly her out to Loma Linda University Medical Center,” stated Mahon.

“The female driver of the Honda was transported to Desert Valley Hospital with unknown injuries.”

The third child in the vehicle was picked up by her mother at the scene.

Based on preliminary reports, the bus was traveling westbound on Pebble Beach Drive and the Honda was going northbound on Ridgecrest Road.

“According to witnesses at the scene the bus had a green light,” stated Officer Rodriguez with the California High Patrol. “Neither drugs or alcohol appear to be a factor in the collision.”

The official cause of the accident is currently under investigation by the CHP Victorville office.

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Truck Crashes Into a Highway Sign on NB I-15

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Photo Credit: Andrea Wright Searcy (left) Marie Fillingame (right)

CAJON PASS, Calif.(VVNG.com)- A man was seriously injured in a single vehicle crash along the northbound 15 freeway Sunday evening.

At 5:13 p.m. on October 30th **San Bernardino County Fire** and the California Highway Patrol responded to a traffic collision on the northbound 15 freeway near Cleghorn Road.

For unknown reasons, the driver of a gray Dodge pickup truck lost control, overturned, and collided into a large steel freeway advisory sign.

Upon arrival, firefighters located the truck on its side partially wrapped around the sign.

The no.4 lane is currently closed just north of Cleghorn Road to State Route 138 while firefighters extricate the patient from the truck.

Per scanner reports, the male will be transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital.

The story is developing and information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/truck-crashes-into-a-highway-sign-on-nb-i-15/>

Recent earthquake swarm, Great ShakeOut drill stir some into readiness

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Fourth-graders Valery Caro, left, and Sibella Santana cover under their desks during the ShakeOut earthquake drill, Thursday, October 20, 2016, at Dearborn Elementary School in Northridge. (Photo by Michael Owen Baker)



Los Angeles Fire Department firefighter Tony Acevedo carries fifth-grader Hannah Sinnema, who had a fake leg injury, during the ShakeOut earthquake drill Oct. 20 at Dearborn Elementary School in Northridge. Photo by Michael Owen Baker/Special to the Los Angeles Daily News/SCNG

A swarm of recent earthquake news, combined with the annual Great California ShakeOut drill, seems to have raised awareness of the shaky relationship Southern Californians have with the ground beneath their feet.

Brooke Federico, a spokeswoman for Riverside County's Emergency Management Department, said the agency has had an increase in requests for information and presentations on earthquake preparedness in recent weeks, more than is usual around the time of the Oct. 20 ShakeOut drill.

"We have emergency service coordinators and they were noting that their numbers of being asked to go speak to (groups) had increased," Federico said. "We've received probably a handful of calls (from individuals). I would say it was more than typical."

The office, she said, was happy for the heightened attention.

"It's extremely important that everybody knows what to do: Drop, cover and hold on," she said, referring to the ShakeOut guidelines for protecting yourself when an earthquake hits. "Know where the best place to go in your house is and make an emergency kit."

At UC Riverside, geophysics professor Gareth Funning said he has noticed an increased interest from the students in his undergraduate class.

“There were a lot of nongeology students asking me questions about, ‘Is this our time?’” Funning said.

The students were largely concerned about the recent cluster of earthquake activity in the southern Salton Sea area near Bombay Beach. The region experienced more than 200 small quakes and a few medium-size ones over the course of a week in late September.

“I actually brought it up before it hit the news because I thought it was of interest,” Funning said. “For a short period, the probability that (a major quake on the nearby San Andreas fault) was going to happen was higher.”

Because of the swarm of quakes, the U.S. Geological Survey raised the possibility of a major San Andreas event, from 1 in 6,000 to 1 in 100, for a few days. Annually, the chance of such an earthquake is still about 1 or 2 percent, according to seismologist Lucy Jones.

“It’s the same as your chance of being in a car accident,” she said.

That’s not to say there isn’t a constant threat. Experts agree the region is overdue for a devastating earthquake.

“These earthquakes happen once every 150 years,” Jones said. “It’s now been 330.”

Jones, who worked at Caltech in Pasadena for many years, is the primary person behind the creation of the ShakeOut event. Its purpose is to remind Californians to be prepared. Jones said people forget what to do and put off that preparation when a temblor hasn’t happened in a while.

“If this gives you the reminder to get it done, great,” she said.

In addition to the earthquake swarm, scientists announced this month that they had located a new fault near the recent Salton Sea swarm, at the southern tip of the San Andreas fault. And this week, research showed that two faults near San Francisco are connected and may pose a greater threat than previously thought.

Jennifer Reynolds, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands, said she thinks more people have earthquake danger on their minds. The museum has hosted a ShakeOut event every year since it began in 2008. On Oct. 20, Reynolds said, there were about 300 people on hand to practice the “drop, cover and hold on,” strategy of the drill. That attendance was typical, she said, but the comments from some people were not.

“At least a dozen people independently mentioned that we were under an earthquake alert, so there was certainly awareness about it,” Reynolds said. “A couple of people were from out of state, and they were very concerned.”

In Northridge, an assembly room full of fourth-grade students at Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy yelled out together: “Drop, cover and hold on!” as they learned about the significance of the day.

They learned how earthquake-safe buildings are constructed, and the school showed off its “earthquake bin,” with all the supplies that Los Angeles Unified School District campuses have to help deal with natural disasters.

And, oh yes, the “shaker-truck” was there, simulating a quake.

Most area residents, however, took it in stride.

San Bernardino County spokeswoman Felisa Cardona said she was unaware of any increased interest in the ShakeOut or in requests about earthquake preparedness in the wake of the Salton Sea quakes.

“I would hope any earthquake would be a reminder that everybody needs to be prepared,” she said.

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/general-news/20161031/recent-earthquake-swarm-great-shakeout-drill-stir-some-into-readiness>

Firefighters quickly extinguish blaze at former Johnny Rebs' building

Jose Quintero, Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Department firefighters clean up after a small fire at the former Johnny Rebs' in Victorville on Tuesday morning. James Quigg, Daily Press

VICTORVILLE — Firefighters extinguished a small fire at the old Johnny Rebs' building in Victorville Tuesday morning, authorities said.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a structure fire at the vacant business in the 15000 block of Seventh Street just a little before 7 a.m.

Firefighters arrived and reported visible flames to the rear of the former Johnny Rebs' building.

Battalion Chief Bill Mahan said the fire was extinguished in less than five minutes. Mahan said firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading into the building.

“The building has a exterior wood frame that is placed on top of the structure’s concrete block,” Mahan said. “That’s what helped keep the fire from spreading into the interior. We had to force entry to make sure the fire was not spreading inside and that set off an alarm. That tells you there was nobody inside the structure.

“We did find some rags that were outside near the fire and that appears to be suspicious. But nobody was around so we will be looking into that,”

The cause of fire was under investigation, Mahan said.

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