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## **UPDATE 3: Vegetation Fire in Cajon Pass – Held to 3 Acres – Investigation Underway**

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

Posted: June 1, 2016, 1:57 PM

### **Update 3: Wednesday, June 1 – 4:31 p.m.**

Cajon Pass – The cause of the 3-acre fire in the Cajon Pass is currently under investigation. A fire investigator has been dispatched to the scene near Cleghorn Road. on I-15.

U.S. Forest Service crews were still on scene conducting mop-up operations.

### **Update 2: Wednesday, June 1 – 4:01 p.m.**

Cajon Pass – Firefighters in the Cajon Pass are reporting the fire has been held to 3 acres and that units are being released.

Traffic in the area on I-15 could be impacted by units during the mop-up stage.

The fire drew a full response from the U.S. Forest Service, CalFire and **San Bernardino County Fire**. Tankers from the San Bernardino Tanker Base were also dispatched to the incident.

### **Update: Wednesday, June 1 – 3:40 p.m.**

Cajon Pass – A hose line has been established around most of the 3-acre vegetation fire in the Cajon Pass. The fire was reported about 3 p.m.

Ground crews were assisted by aerial support and about 3:30 p.m. additional units were released while en route to the fire.

Units on scene remain, according to CalFire.

### **Original Story**

Cajon Pass – The U. S. Forest Service, CalFire and San Bernardino County Fire are responding to a vegetation fire in the Cajon Pass.

The fire is located on Interstate 15 near Cleghorn Road and was reported to be 2-3 acres and involves light to moderate fuels, according to scanner transmissions.

Additional details will be added shortly.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/06/01/breaking-news-vegetation-fire-in-cajon-pass-area/>

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## Cajon Pass blaze quickly contained

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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Firefighters clear the scene of a brush fire that burned through three acres in the Cajon Pass on Wednesday afternoon. The blaze was quickly extinguished. Monica Solano, Daily Press

**CAJON PASS** — Firefighters quickly controlled a blaze that erupted near Interstate 15 on Wednesday afternoon, officials said.

Reports of a small brush fire in the Cajon Pass near I-15 and Cleghorn Road were first received just after 3 p.m., authorities said. California Highway Patrol logs indicated smoke and flames were visible from the freeway.

The fire quickly grew to three acres, prompting a multi-agency response. Firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, Cal Fire San Bernardino, and the San Bernardino National Forest Service responded.

CHP and Caltrans officials shut down the northbound and southbound I-15 onramps and offramps at Cleghorn Road and Kenwood Avenue. Old Cajon Boulevard was also shut down, according to CHP logs.

County Fire firefighter Jon Garber said County Fire officials assisted National Forest Service and Cal Fire officials in combating the blaze. Firefighters were able to get a wet line around the blaze at three acres, Garber said, and it was reported to be extinguished shortly after 3:45 p.m.

“Luckily, firefighters were able to get it under control quickly,” Garber said.

County Fire units were canceled and the San Bernardino National Forest Service is currently handling the cleanup. No injuries were reported, Garber said.

The cause of the fire is not yet known. Garber said a fire investigator has been requested.

CHP traffic logs showed the southbound I-15 offramp and onramp were closed at Cleghorn Road as of 5 p.m. Wednesday. Cajon Boulevard at Kenwood Avenue was also closed and the closures were expected to last for approximately an hour, while the offramp and onramp at Kenwood Avenue remained open. This story is developing and more information will be updated as it is received.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160601/NEWS/160609964>

## **BREAKING: Firefighters Battling Brush Fire in Cajon Pass**

Victor Valley News

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UPDATE @ 3:55 PM – According to fire officials, firefighters have a wet line around the fire and the fire is now out.

UPDATE @ 3:45 PM– The fire is holding at 2-3 acres and canceling additional incoming units not already on scene.

UPDATE @ 3:30 PM – Per CHP incident logs, The Cleghorn onramp and offramp on the southbound side of the freeway will be closed.

CAJON PASS:(VVNG.com)- Just after 3:00 PM, on Wednesday, June 1st dispatch received numerous reports of a fire in the Cajon Pass.

Per scanner traffic, a tree was reported to be on fire along the southbound 15 freeway near the Cleghorn exit.

U.S. Fores Service is already on scene attempting to put out the fire. **San Bernardino County Fire** is also responding to the brush fire. CalTrans cameras show a large plume of white smoke in the Cajon Pass.

As of 3:20 PM, freeway traffic is not currently being affected by the fire. According to a witness at the scene, the fire is burning on the west side of 15 freeway where Cajon Blvd. meets the 15 south of highway 138 approximately 25 yards from the freeway.

More information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/breaking-firefighters-battling-brush-fire-in-cajon-pass/>

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## A hero's honor

*Local graduate receives high school diploma from fire captain who saved his life*

Monica Solano, Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Captain John Flesher hugs Chaparral High School graduate David Castaneda during the school's commencement ceremony on Wednesday in Phelan. Flesher helped save Castaneda's life after a crash on Highway 138 and Interstate 15 two years ago and surprised Castaneda at the graduation ceremony. Jose Huerta, Daily Press

PHELAN — Tears filled in his eyes as he walked across the stage.

In shock, the young graduate had just seen, standing before him, the man who saved his life two years earlier.

David Castaneda, 17, of Victorville, was given the honor of receiving his high school diploma Thursday evening from **San Bernardino County Fire Department** Capt. John Flesher, the firefighter who rescued him from a fatal crash that occurred June 24, 2014.

"I started crying up when I saw John," Castaneda told the Daily Press on Thursday evening. "I was thinking about my friends and what happened during that day as I was walking.

"I thought, since my best friend John couldn't be here tonight, another John was brought into my life to be with me."

The ceremony was held at Serrano High School as David Castaneda was one of the many students graduating from Chaparral High School. As he received his diploma from Flesher, Castaneda's family, friends and peers all stood to cheer him on.

Castaneda was 15 years old at the time of the crash. He required two surgeries after a dump truck loaded with 80,000 pounds of cement allegedly ran a stop sign at the end of the southbound Interstate 15 off-ramp on Highway 138 and slammed into a PT Cruiser. The crash severely injured Castaneda and two of his friends and killed two others, one of whom was his best friend John Cabrera.

As emergency crews worked the scene, Flesher was in charge of the extrication. Flesher told the Daily Press the crews thought they were going to have to amputate David Castaneda legs to get him out.

But Flesher and another firefighter were able to free the young man with both his legs intact after more than three hours of extrication.

“David is a really good friend of mine,” Flesher said. “He has embraced the accident and what happened to him and we have become pretty close since then.

“It’s pretty amazing seeing everything from the accident to his recovery in this young man's life and what he had to endure and that he was able to graduate with straight As.”

Lisa Castaneda, mother of David Castaneda, said she's thankful for all the support her son has received over the last few years from both family and friends. If it wasn't for Flesher saving both her son's life and his legs, “David wouldn't be walking here today receiving his diploma,” she said.

“I don’t know what to say — I’m speechless,” Lisa Castaneda said. “David worked really hard to get where he’s at today and he did this, not only for himself, but for his friend John.”

After the ceremony, David Castaneda was nearly rendered speechless himself as he thanked Flesher for coming out to his graduation ceremony and the two embraced in a hug.

“Ever since the accident and saving me, I wanted to keep John around in my life and make sure I felt safe and know he’ll be there to take care of me,” David Castaneda said.

Raushel Snedeker, a close family friend whose daughters were sisters of John Cabrera, said she was so proud to see David Castaneda graduate and was thankful that Flesher was there to deliver the diploma.

“Raushel approached me a while back and invited me to the graduation ceremony and said I needed to be there to hand out his diploma and she had already made the arrangements for it,” Flesher said. “I feel really honored having been able to do this. I saw he was going to start crying and so was I after seeing that big smile on his face.”

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160601/heros-honor>

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## Injured Hiker Rescued

Mike Harris, Mountain News

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Hiking in the Deep Creek Hot Springs can be dangerous and at times an aerial rescue crew, such as this photo of sheriff's desert helicopter 40 King 3 shows, is necessary.

A Deep Creek Hot Springs hiker on May 25 had to be rescued by sheriff's helicopter after she fell into an inaccessible area and was injured.

According to a sheriff's spokesperson, Joyce Warter, 48, of Corona was attempting to hike down to the hot springs late in the afternoon when she fell and sustained a non-life threatening injury.

A friend then had to hike out of the area to get cell service, was finally able to successfully call 9-1-1 and **County Fire** rescue personnel were quickly dispatched.

But the rugged terrain and the fact that night was falling prompted County Fire to request sheriff's desert helicopter 40 King 3 respond to the emergency at approximately 6:45 p.m.

The helicopter crew was able to locate Warter on the trail and determined a hoist rescue would be required.

Cpl. Jon Anderson piloted the helicopter while Deputy Carlos Quezada lowered Cpl. Mike Ells approximately 60 feet down to the victim. Warter was placed in a rescue harness and hoisted up to the helicopter. Warter was then subsequently transported a short distance and transferred to waiting fire and medical personnel for treatment.

[http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article\\_3878c5b0-284b-11e6-9c11-b74774bc85b3.html](http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_3878c5b0-284b-11e6-9c11-b74774bc85b3.html)

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## **Girl Hurt When SUV Flips**

**Mountain News**

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An 11-year-old girl was injured when the car in which she was a passenger ran off the highway near Arrowbear on May 25 and went part way up an embankment before flipping onto its roof.

California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Juan Quintero said the one-car accident occurred at 8:45 p.m. about a mile and a half east of Green Valley Lake Road.

Quintero said a silver 2000 Dodge Durango, driven by Richard Leandro Lynd, 41, of Rialto, was westbound on Highway 18 when he apparently failed to negotiate a left curve.

His car, Quintero said, went instead into an asphalt turnout. Though he braked, the Dodge continued up the hillside adjacent to the turnout until the slope became too steep. At that point, the officer said, the vehicle rolled onto its left side and then onto its roof, coming to rest in the southbound lane of the highway.

Lynd was able to climb out of the overturned SUV and help his wife, Crystal, and their unidentified daughter out of the vehicle.

**County Fire** paramedics transported the girl to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment of pain to her head, upper back and numbness to her left arm. Mrs. Lynd suffered unspecified injuries but was not transported, and Lynd was uninjured, Quintero said.

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