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Drowning victim succumbs to injuries

Hesperia man who fell in Silverwood Lake described as the 'most caring person ever'

Monica Solano and Paola Baker, Daily Press

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SILVERWOOD LAKE — Authorities said one of the men rescued from a local lake Wednesday afternoon succumbed to his injuries a few hours later.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department said Theodore Olson, 28, of Hesperia, died Wednesday afternoon after falling into Silverwood Lake and drowning.

Olson and a 71-year old male friend were out fishing near the Cedar Springs Dam at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday when they fell from the bluff into the lake.

San Bernardino County Fire Department firefighters and State Park rangers responded to the scene and a search-and-rescue was initiated. The 71-year-old man was found and taken to Desert Valley Hospital with minor injuries.

Olson was missing for a short period of time but was eventually found submerged in the lake, according to officials, and was taken to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in grave condition.

Olson was pronounced deceased at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday, the Sheriff-Coroner said.

“I got a call from my sister about what had happened and (she) told me Theo was pretty much dead before they arrived at the hospital,” said Olson’s sister, Kimberly Olson, 26, of Barstow. “They tried CPR but he was pronounced dead shortly after they rescued him.”

Describing her brother as “easy to get along with” and the “most caring person ever,” Kimberly Olson said he would make sure to call and tell his nephews “I love you” every day.

“He was my best friend, he was there through everything with me, through thick and thin,” Kimberly Olson said. “Theo was a really caring brother.”

According to his mother, Colleen Davis, 50, of Barstow, Olson was very active in the community and with his church, working for the parking ministry and attending bible study frequently.

“He was a good boy and a good all-around person with everyone he met. I will miss him a lot,” Davis said. “He loved to go fishing and loved sports. His favorite football team was the (Pittsburgh) Steelers and his favorite baseball team was the (Boston) Red Sox.

“Next Sunday would have been his birthday on June 19th, and I wanted to wish him a happy birthday. He would have been 29 years old.”

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/article/20160611/NEWS/160619981/0/SEARCH>

28-Year-Old Male Rescued From Silverwood Lake Dies

Victor Valley News
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SILVERWOOD LAKE: (VVNG.com)- One of the victims rescued after a near drowning at Silverwood lake on Wednesday afternoon has passed away.

At about 3:30 PM, on June 8th, Theodore Olson, 28, of Hesperia was out fishing with an unidentified 71-year-old male.

According to authorities, the pair were out fishing near the Cedar Springs Dam when for unknown reasons they fell from the bluff and into the lake.

A **San Bernardino County Fire** press release stated that “prior to the arrival of County Fire and County Sheriff, the state park rangers initiated a search and successfully rescued the first victim, who was transported back to the boat ramp for further treatment”. The 71-year-old victim was transported by ground ambulance to Desert Valley Medical Center in stable condition.

Olson was located submerged in the lake after a thorough search by state park rangers and paramedics from Air Rescue 307 and was ultimately transported by air to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in grave condition with CPR in progress.

The San Bernardino Coroner’s said Olson was pronounced dead at 5:20 PM., on Wednesday.

Additional details regarding the incident will be updated as they become available.

<http://www.vvng.com/28-year-old-male-rescued-from-silverwood-lake-dies/>

2-year-old ejected from vehicle after crash on Amargosa Road

Monica Solano and Paola Baker, Daily Press

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A woman holds the hand of a 2-year old girl who was ejected during a two-vehicle collision on Amargosa Road in Victorville. Jose Huerta, Daily Press

VICTORVILLE — Authorities said a 2-year-old girl was ejected from a vehicle following a crash Friday afternoon.

The crash was first reported at 3:40 p.m. Friday at Amargosa and King Ranch roads. According to Victorville Sheriff's Station deputy Jeff Dean, a gold Mazda MPV van was pulling out of the parking lot in front of Office Max to head north on Amargosa Road and was struck on the driver's side by a black Nissan Altima, which was headed south.

The young girl was ejected from the van as a result of the collision.

San Bernardino County Fire Department public information officer Ryan Vacarro said a medical helicopter was requested and she was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Amargosa Road is completely shut down at King Ranch Road. It is not yet known when the road will be open again.

This story is developing and more information will be updated as it is received.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160610/NEWS/160619978>

Toddler ejected in two-vehicle crash in Victorville

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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VICTORVILLE >> A two-vehicle collision Friday afternoon ejected a 2-year-old, sending the toddler to the hospital via helicopter, according to a **San Bernardino County** fire official.

No one else was injured in the collision at Armagosa and King Ranch roads, said firefighter Ryan Vaccaro.

He did not know how the crash occurred or how many other people were involved.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160610/toddler-ejected-in-two-vehicle-crash-in-victorville>

San Bernardino firefighter dies while vacationing in Utah with family

Doug Saunders, The Sun

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John Ruppert Courtesy photo

SAN BERNARDINO >> Fire officials notified firefighters Friday that one of their own perished in an accident Thursday while on vacation at Lake Powell.

Engineer John Ruppert died after being electrocuted while repairing a houseboat on Lake Powell, Utah with his family.

He was 35.

“One of my greatest fears has been notifying you all of a tragic event involving one of our fire family members,” Chief Tom Hannemann said in a prepared statement to firefighters. “The details are still developing, but this is what I know as of now. Engineer John Ruppert was electrocuted yesterday (Thursday) on Lake Powell while attempting to repair the house boat he and his family were vacationing on. John succumbed to his injuries.”

A team of Ruppert’s coworkers are traveling to Utah to bring their fallen comrade home.

Ruppert is survived by his wife Kristen and their two children.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160610/san-bernardino-firefighter-dies-while-vacationing-in-utah-with-family>

San Bernardino Fire Department Mourns Loss of One of its Own

ABC7

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John Ruppert of the San Bernardino Fire Department, who was electrocuted to death on Friday, June 10, 2016, is seen in an undated photo.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (KABC) -- The San Bernardino Fire Department was mourning the loss of one of its own on Saturday.

Officials said engineer John Ruppert was electrocuted on Friday in Lake Powell, a reservoir in the Colorado River between Utah and Arizona.

He was trying to make a repair on the house boat where he and his family were vacationing.

Officials said his family was now going to Salt Lake City, Utah, where Ruppert's body was being delivered.

SBFD officials said he was with the San Bernardino Fire Department for over 10 years, and asked to keep his wife, Kristen, and his family in prayers and thoughts.

A GoFundMe page was set up for the Ruppert family. To donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/supporttheRupperts>.

<http://abc7.com/news/san-bernardino-fire-department-mourns-loss-of-one-of-its-own/1381678/>

Police, fire personnel will be holding joint active shooter training at Fontana church starting June 13

Fontana Herald News

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Local residents are being advised that the Fontana Police Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** will be hosting a joint active shooter training for first responders at Water of Life Church, located at 7623 East Avenue in Fontana, beginning Monday, June 13 and continuing through Friday, June 24.

This training will occur from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day during that period except for Wednesday, June 15. Water of Life Church will remain open for normal and daily activities.

The training will not require any road closures. All police and fire training will occur on secured parts of the campus not used for daily church-related activities.

Residents should not be alarmed to see increased police and fire presence in the area.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Fontana P.D. Sergeant Dave Lally at (909) 356-7104.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/police-fire-personnel-will-be-holding-joint-active-shooter-training/article_52c62ab6-3016-11e6-9387-6b2a433a56ce.html

Two People Injured in Rollover Crash on Highway 395

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HESPERIA: (VVNG.com)- Two people were transported to a local hospital following a major damage traffic collision on Highway 395.

At about 10:55 AM., on Saturday, June 11th., dispatch received the report of a two-vehicle rollover traffic collision at the intersection of Highway 395 and Three Flags Ct.

San Bernardino County Fire along with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department responded to the collision and located an Infinity Qx60 and a overturned Dodge Ram 250 hauling a trailer blocking the roadway.

According to deputy Getts with the Hesperia station, the truck was heading westbound on Three Flags Ct., waiting in the intersection to make a left-hand turn onto Highway 395. The Infiniti SUV was traveling northbound on Highway 395.

“The initial cause of the accident appears to be that the SUV ran the red light and sideswiped the truck,” stated Deputy Getts.

A family member of the couple inside the Ram told Victor Valley News, they were getting ready to head out of town on a camping trip. “It could have been so much worse and we are just really thankful they are both ok”.

The collision temporarily shut down a stretch of Highway 395 in both directions between Poplar Street and Three Flags Ct. The roadway was reopened at about 12:45 PM.

No other injuries were reported as a result of the collision.

<http://www.vvng.com/two-people-injured-in-rollover-crash-on-highway-395/>

Injured Woman Rescued From Hillside in Victorville

Victor Valley News
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VICTORVILLE:(VVNG.com)- **The San Bernardino County Fire Department** received a report of an injured female on a hillside near 11th Street and C Street in Victorville.

Shortly after 9:00 PM., on Sunday, June 12th firefighters responded to the rocky hillside near Kemper Campbell Ranch in eastern Victorville.

According to San Bernardino County Fire Engineer/Paramedic Ryan Vaccaro, the patient slipped and fell causing her to hit her head. "The patient was stuck in a canyon and was unable to walk out".

Firefighters hiked towards the injured female carrying a stokes rescue basket. After securing the woman into the basket, firefighters were able to safely remove the victim from the hillside. It took firefighters approximately 30 minutes to rescue the woman.

The patient is in stable condition and was transported to a local hospital.

<http://www.vvng.com/injured-woman-rescued-from-hillside-in-victorville/>

Vegetation fire reported in Mentone near Mill Creek Road

Big Bear Grizzly
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UPDATE: 4:07 p.m. Sunday, June 12. Several engines have been released from the Mill Incident. The fire poses no problem or danger to the Big Bear area.

UPDATE: CalFire leading the incident command. **San Bernardino County Fire** and San Bernardino National Forest firefighters were assisting. The fire has a slow rate of spread.

UPDATE: A California Highway Patrol unit has been called to the scene of the Mill Incident fire for traffic control. The latest information is the Mill Incident is about 1 acre close to the wash.

Firefighters are responding to a vegetation fire, called the Mill Incident, in Mentone near Highway 38 at Mill Creek Road near Ward and Sugar roads. The incident was reported at 11:38 a.m. Sunday, June 12.

No further information is available at this time. Check back with The Grizzly for updates as they become available.

http://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/news/vegetation-fire-reported-in-mentone-near-mill-creek-road/article_e7dcd9b8-30d1-11e6-982c-87f4cdfa912a.html

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