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2 hikers injured in avalanche near Mt. Baldy

Veronica Rocha, LA Times

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Two hikers were injured Thursday in an avalanche near the Mt. Baldy summit, authorities said.

The incident was reported at 12:13 p.m. in the Baldy Bowl, a 7.5-mile trail southeast of the Mt. Baldy summit, said Eric Sherwin, a spokesman for the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

According to Sherwin, three hikers were crossing the Baldy Bowl when an avalanche occurred.

The hikers slid halfway down the blanket of snow and needed help getting off the mountain.

The hikers were on “unstable snow overlaying the sheet of ice,” Sherwin said.

One of the hikers suffered serious injuries and was hoisted by helicopter to a nearby ambulance for immediate medical care, he said. A second hiker was also injured and rescued by helicopter.

That hiker was taken to a hospital.

The third hiker was not injured and walked off the mountain without assistance.

Live television footage from KNBC-TV Channel 4 showed rescuers tending to a pair of hikers as a helicopter flew over them.

According to Sherwin, the Baldy Bowl is a backcountry area and not subject to avalanche control measures. Sherwin said he didn't know the size of the avalanche.

“You do assume your own risk,” he said.

In this case, Sherwin said, the hikers came prepared and “did all the right things.”

They immediately called for help and used the buddy system, Sherwin said.

Snowy conditions in the San Gabriel Mountains have kept firefighters and sheriff's deputies busy with rescues over the last two weeks.

Last week, San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies rescued a hiker who had slid 50 feet down a snow-covered peak near the Mt. Baldy summit.

Jennifer Fujita, 34, of Irvine, and her brother were hiking down Devil's Backbone Trail at an elevation of 9,200 feet on Jan. 16 when she suddenly lost her balance and skidded down the rocky ridge, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Fujita lodged her ice ax into the steep slope to stop her slide. Meanwhile, her brother called 911 for help.

A sheriff's helicopter found Fujita on the snowcapped slope and rescued her.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-hiker-injured-avalanche-mount-baldy-20170126-story.html>

'It Could Have Been a Body Recovery,' Battalion Chief Says of Rescue of 2 Hikers Injured in Mount Baldy Avalanche

Melissa Pamer and Christina Pascucci, KTLA 5

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Two injured men were rescued by helicopter off snow-covered Mount Baldy Thursday after an avalanche pushed them off the trail and hundreds of feet down the mountainside, authorities said.

The men were in the Baldy Bowl area when the avalanche occurred, forcing them to slide down to the 9,000-foot level. A witness called 911, according to a news release from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Firefighters were called to the scene about 12:15 p.m. with a report that three hikers were on "unstable snow overlaying a sheet of ice" following an avalanche southeast of the 10,064-foot peak of Mount Baldy, according to a **county Fire Department** release.

"Apparently they were up hiking right along the ridge, on the ridgeline, and the snow gave way underneath their feet," fire Battalion Chief Doug Nelson said. "They hit a soft spot, created the avalanche, were swept down about 200 to 300 feet from the top of the ridgeline."

A sheriff's patrol helicopter was dispatched and found the victims "at the center of Baldy Bowl," the sheriff's release said.

"Luckily, they were not buried under the snow," Nelson said.

The men had activated their SPOT devices -- emergency personal satellite locators.

A rescue helicopter with sheriff's and fire personnel hovered over the location while a firefighter and fire captain were lowered about 85 feet down to the ground. The rescuers moved up steep, snow-covered terrain to the hikers, placing them into harnesses.

The victims, identified as 27-year-old Cody Ayala of Long Beach and 32-year-old Chris Chung of Irvine, were hoisted and airlifted to nearby Cow Canyon Saddle, at Glendora Ridge Road.

Video from the saddle showed one victim able to limp from the helicopter with assistance. The other was carried in a rescue basket to a gurney, but was clearly conscious.

The men were taken to a hospital; the third hiker declined help and was able to hike out on his own.

Nelson said the injuries were minor to moderate.

"It could have been far worse," Nelson said. "It could have been a body recovery."

Avalanche control measures are not used in the backcountry of Mount Baldy, the Fire Department said.

<http://ktla.com/2017/01/26/it-could-have-been-a-body-recovery-battalion-chief-says-of-rescue-of-2-hikers-injured-in-mount-baldy-avalanche/>

Three people airlifted to trauma centers after head-on crash on Peach Avenue in Hesperia

Monica Solano and Paola Baker, Daily Press

Posted: January 27, 2017, 4:32 PM



Two females and a man were airlifted with major injuries following a head-on collision on Peach Avenue near Centennial Street in Hesperia on Friday afternoon. Monica Solano, Daily Press

HESPERIA - A woman, her daughter and a man were airlifted with major injuries following a head-on collision on Peach Avenue near Centennial Street on Friday afternoon.

First reported at 3:26 p.m., the crash involved a white Toyota Camry and a white Chevy, according to San Bernardino County Sheriff's Hesperia Station Deputy Getts.

Getts told the Daily Press that the Camry, which was occupied by the woman and her daughter, was traveling northbound on Peach Avenue when, for reasons unknown, it crossed into the southbound lane and struck the Chevy.

Both vehicles sustained major damage and extrication was required to free all three victims from their vehicles, according to **San Bernardino County Fire Department** Battalion Chief Marc Peebles.

The mother and daughter, ages 50 and 17, and the man were airlifted to trauma centers.

Peebles said an airship, two engines, three ambulances, a rescue team and a battalion chief responded.

Daily Press reporters on scene said Peach Avenue was closed in both directions as of 4:15 p.m. and would remain close for an unknown duration while authorities investigated the crash scene.

This story is developing and will be updated as more information becomes available.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20170127/three-people-airlifted-to-trauma-centers-after-head-on-crash-on-peach-avenue-in-hesperia>

Woman Sustains Fatal Injuries in Hit-and-Run Vehicle Versus Pedestrian Collision

Christie Martin, 24/7 Headline News

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VICTORVILLE – A Victorville woman sustained serious injuries following a hit-and-run vehicle versus pedestrian collision on Friday evening.

At around 7:17 p.m. deputies, American Medical Response (AMR) , and the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** were dispatched to 7th Street near Lorene Drive for the collision with injuries. When they arrived they located a woman in her early-to-mid 60's suffering from "very serious injuries" according to San Bernardino County Sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Bachman.

The vehicle information was not immediately clear, although some witnesses and evidence at the scene indicated the vehicle was a burgundy sedan. The Sheriff's Helicopter and ground units searched for the suspect vehicle creating a perimeter in the area surrounding the collision.

Surveillance footage was requested from nearby businesses and 7th Street was shut down between La Paz and Valley Center Drive so that deputies could investigate the collision.

According to the San Bernardino County Fire Department Battalion chief Marc Peebles the woman was transported to Victor Valley Global Medical Center by an AMR ambulance in preparation to be airlifted to a trauma center for the treatment of injuries. As of 9:30 p.m. no arrest has been made.

UPDATE: The woman is confirmed deceased as a result of her injuries.

<https://247headline.com/woman-sustains-major-injuries-in-hit-and-run-vehicle-versus-pedestrian-collision/>

Burbank man injured after falling while rock climbing in Joshua Tree National Park

John M. Blodgett, Press Enterprise

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A Burbank man rock climbing in Joshua Tree National Park Sunday, Jan. 29 was rescued by helicopter after he fell 30 feet and suffered serious injuries, authorities say.

Colin Campbell, 26, was climbing in the area known as Jumbo Rocks when he fell about 11 a.m. Sunday, according to a San Bernardino County sheriff's news release.

San Bernardino County firefighters who hiked to Campbell's location called for a sheriff's helicopter to perform a hoist rescue due to distance from the nearest road and rocky terrain, the news release states.

Sheriff's Corporal Michael Gilley and Deputy Gordon Yee hovered over the location as Deputy Steve Miller lowered Flight Nurse Kenney Lard approximately 100 feet down into the location," the news release states. "Campbell was secured into a basket and hoisted into the helicopter."

Campbell was flown to Desert Regional Medical Center for treatment.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/climbing-824334-serious-joshua.html>

Climber falls 30 feet, is rescued by copter

Hi Desert Star

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JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK — A Burbank man was airlifted out of the park Sunday, Jan. 29, after taking a 30-foot fall.

Colin Campbell, 26, was rock climbing in the Jumbo Rocks at about 11 a.m. area when he fell about 30 feet to the ground. He was flown to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs for treatment.

Witnesses called 911 and reported the incident.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel responded and hiked into the location. They found Campbell suffering from serious injuries and determined he would need to be hoist rescued and flown to the nearest trauma center.

The location was several hundred yards from the nearest road in steep and rocky terrain. San Bernardino County Air Rescue 07 was requested to assist.

The crew of Air Rescue 07 arrived and performed the hoist rescue. Sheriff's Cpl. Michael Gilley and Deputy Gordon Yee hovered over the location as Deputy Steve Miller lowered Flight Nurse Kenney Lard approximately 100 feet down into the location.

Campbell was secured into a basket and hoisted into the helicopter, followed by Flight Nurse Lard. Once in the helicopter, Flight Nurse Deputy Melanie Munns began treating Campbell.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/the_desert_trail/news/article_be426ca2-e6fd-11e6-a4b9-fba25400e668.html

Air Rescue 07 crew performs a hoist rescue for a hiker suffering serious injuries after falling 30 feet

Highland News

Posted: January 30, 2017, 9:11 AM

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, Colin Campbell, 26, of Burbank was rock climbing in Joshua Tree National Park in the area known as Jumbo Rocks. While climbing, Campbell fell approximately 30 feet to the ground below. Witnesses called 911 and reported the incident.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel responded and hiked into the location. They found Campbell was suffering from serious injuries and determined he would need to be hoist rescued and flown to the nearest trauma center. The location was several hundred yards from the nearest road in steep and rocky terrain. San Bernardino County Air Rescue 07 was requested to assist.

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http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/air-rescue-crew-performs-a-hoist-rescue-for-a-hiker/article_1801c330-e70f-11e6-947f-53f2969f893c.html

Judge confirms San Bernardino, California's plan to exit bankruptcy

Jim Christie, Reuters

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San Bernardino, California, won final court approval on Friday for its financial restructuring plan, clearing the way for the city to wrap up the bankruptcy case it launched more than four years ago when its leaders learned it was facing insolvency.

"I look forward to the city having a prosperous future," U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Meredith Jury said at the conclusion of a hearing in Riverside, California.

Jury said she would sign a confirmation order soon and issue a written opinion on her decision.

City Attorney Gary Saenz told Reuters he expects the city's plan to take effect in late March or early April.

"We're well on our way," Saenz said.

Jury's decision capped San Bernardino's efforts, including lengthy negotiations with its employees, retired employees and creditors, to repair its finances, Mayor Carey Davis said.

"It allows us to be free of the stigma of being in bankruptcy," Davis said.

In December, Jury had said she would approve San Bernardino's plan, the product of a bankruptcy that cost the Southern California city at least \$25 million to press and litigate.

San Bernardino filed for Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy in 2012, marking the third filing of its kind that year by a California city.

San Bernardino's filing came on the heels a report by city staff that said the city faced an imminent financial crisis because it had exhausted its reserves and projected spending for the looming new fiscal year would exceed revenue by \$45 million.

The city's plan for mending its finances involves cutting costs by folding its fire department into **San Bernardino County's fire services district**.

Retiree healthcare costs will also get slashed while city employees' pensions will be protected, and San Bernardino will pay holders of its pension obligation bonds 40 percent of what they are owed to erase \$45 million of the debt over time.

San Bernardino expects its restructuring to cut \$350 million in spending over 30 years, according to a city spokeswoman.

The city's plan promises to restore financial stability, said Michael Sweet, a partner at the Fox Rothschild law firm in San Francisco who handles municipal restructurings.

"I like the fact that they just didn't budget their way through this, but made significant structural changes, which appears to have put them a much better footing," Sweet said.

"We'll have to see if it holds," Sweet added.

The case is In re City of San Bernardino, in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, No. 12-28006.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/sanbernardino-bankruptcy-idUSL1N1FH1ZL>

Vacant San Bernardino warehouse goes up in flames, squatters suspected

Doug Saunders, The Sun

Posted: January 27, 2017, 3:56 PM



San Bernardino County firefighters battled a two-alarm blaze in a vacant boarded up warehouse in the 1300 block of W. Mill Street in San Bernardino Friday afternoon. Photo by Doug Saunders

SAN BERNARDINO >> Arson investigators believe squatters may be behind the cause of a two-alarm blaze erupted in a vacant warehouse Friday.

Shortly before noon firefighters were alerted to a building on fire in the 1300 block of W. Mill Street, Battalion Chief Dan Filter said.

Due to the size of the blaze a second alarm was generated sending more units to assist the firefighters on scene, Filter added.

It took firefighters assigned to the city along with assistance from Colton, Loma Linda and Rialto fire departments about 45 minutes to gain control and extinguishing the blaze.

A San Bernardino County arson investigator was on scene and said evidence of squatters was found inside the boarded-up building.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20170127/vacant-san-bernardino-warehouse-goes-up-in-flames-squatters-suspected>

Multiple Injuries Sustained in Major Traffic Collision in Hesperia

Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley Daily Press

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3 patients were transported with major injuries following a traffic collision on Peach Avenue. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) Three people are in critical condition following a two-vehicle traffic collision with major damage Friday afternoon.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to Peach Avenue and Centennial Street at 3:26 p.m., in front of the Hesperia Golf Course. They located a Toyota Camry with a 50-year-old female and her 17-year-old daughter, and a Chevy sedan with a male adult driver.

Firefighters worked to extricate a victim from one of the vehicles which took approximately 20 minutes.

According to Battalion Chief Kelly Anderson, all patients were listed as needing immediate attention and transferred by air ambulances to trauma centers.

Deputy E. Getts with the Hesperia Sheriff's Department said the incident is being handled as a major traffic investigation and the road will be closed for 1-2 hours.

The cause of the has not been determined and is currently under investigation by the Hesperia Sheriff's Department.

<http://www.vvng.com/multiple-injuries-sustained-major-traffic-collision-hesperia/>

Avalanche danger lurks in Inland mountains, experts say

More snow, wind and warmer temperatures ratchet up the risk in area mountains.

Suzanne Hurt, Press Enterprise

Posted: January 27, 2017



San Bernardino County Fire Capt. Mark Murphy takes part in the rescue effort Thursday, Jan. 26, when an avalanche near Mt. Baldy injured two. COURTESY OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Experts are warning about continued avalanche risk above 8,000 feet in Southern California mountains after two hikers using crampons and ice axes survived a 3,000-foot avalanche and were rescued by helicopter from Mt. Baldy last week.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies and firefighters hoisted out the pair, who slid about 1,000 feet after they and a third hiker possibly triggered the avalanche during an ascent of Baldy Bowl on the south face of the peak at about noon Thursday, Jan. 26.

“As soon as it broke free, one of the hikers yelled ‘Avalanche!’ and they were all tumbling,” said **San Bernardino County firefighter/paramedic** Eric Sherwin, a department spokesman.

Backcountry skiers and/or mountaineers using the Sierra Club's nearby San Antonio Ski Hut, an overnight shelter, wrapped the two injured men – Long Beach resident Cody Ayala, 27, and Chris Chung, 32, of Irvine – in blankets and tied one into an ice-axe anchor to keep him from sliding further before emergency personnel arrived.

While the third hiker was uninjured and able to hike out, Ayala and Chung were at times buried beneath the snow but came to the surface as they stopped a third of the way down the slide, which continued another 2,000 feet – highlighting the potential danger of avalanches.

Significant risk to Southern Californians remains for those who venture high into the region's snow-covered San Gabriel, San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains following last week's heavy snowfall.

Recent strong winds and warm temperatures are just adding instability, especially on southern slopes, said So Cal Snow Avalanche Center founder/President Allen Giernet.

“It's a crazy situation we're dealing with, 'cuz we don't get avalanches here very often,” said Giernet, who teaches avalanche safety classes.

“But when they do happen, it can be very serious because we have such a large population surrounding these mountains,” he added. “They don’t generally look at these mountains as serious mountains, but they are.”

The last Southern California avalanche deaths were in 2008. Three backcountry skiers died in avalanches on the same day outside the boundaries of Mountain High near Wrightwood.

Since 1950, at least 64 people have died in avalanches in California – with nine of those in Southern California, Giernet said.

Avalanche basics

An avalanche is a mass of snow, and sometimes ice and rocks, sliding downhill.

Avalanches require four things: a steep-enough slope, usually 30 to 45 degrees; a weak or sliding layer beneath surface snow; a slab or block of snow above a weak layer; and a trigger, U.S. Geological Survey avalanche expert Erich Peitzsch said.

The trigger could be human – a hiker, skier, snowmobiler or snowshoer – or more snow. But noise – like someone yelling or laughing because they’re loving that fresh powder – doesn’t trigger an avalanche.

“Noise? No. That’s a myth,” said Peitzsch, a scientist with the U.S.G.S. Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center.

High winds kept Giernet and a team from going up 10,064-foot Mount San Antonio or “Mount Baldy” to investigate the avalanche Friday at Baldy Bowl, which sits just below the San Gabriel Mountains’ highest peak.

Giernet believes the avalanche was triggered when at least one of the three hikers, who traveled to the bowl via the San Antonio Ski Hut/Baldy Bowl Route, stepped into a soft slab of wind-loaded snow that wasn’t well-bonded to layers beneath it. The slab broke loose.

Wind during the last storm likely transported snow from the northern side of the ridge top into the bowl and left rounded, smooth pillows of snow. Layers of ice, rain and/or hard-packed snow may have kept the softer wind slab from connecting well to the base layers of snow, Giernet said.

Giernet warns against traveling in avalanche terrain and on slopes greater than 35 degrees above 8,000 feet in any of the region’s mountains. Natural avalanches are possible and human-triggered slides are likely, he said.

Peitzsch said it doesn’t have to be snowing to put more weight on a weak layer of snow. Wind moving snow is enough.

“We sort of say wind is the architect of avalanches,” he said. “You can have wind moving snow from one side of the mountain to another. When it does that, it creates a bigger and bigger slab.”

Avoiding danger

The best way to avoid an avalanche is to take an avalanche safety class.

Travel with a partner, carry survival equipment and first aid, and in avalanche terrain, wear an avalanche beacon and carry collapsible avalanche probes and avalanche shovels.

Watch for red flags: recent abundant snow; strong winds moving snow; rain on snow, which quickly adds weight; a warm, sunny day, which can decrease the snowpack's strength, Peitzsch said.

“If you haven't taken an avalanche class, it's basically best to just stay out of avalanche terrain,” he said.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/avalanche-824242-snow-san.html?page=1>

Intoxicated Juvenile Arrested for Fatal Hit-and-Run Vehicle Versus Pedestrian

24/7 Headline News

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VICTORVILLE – The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department announced on Saturday that the person suspected in the fatal hit-and-run collision on Friday has been arrested.

A 17-year-old male from Apple Valley was arrested for the hitting a 63-year-old Victorville woman and fleeing the scene authorities said. The juvenile was also found to be under the influence of drugs at the time of the collision.

The collision occurred at around 7:16 p.m. on Friday evening when the pedestrian, who lived only blocks away, was crossing 7th Street in the marked crosswalk at the Lorene Drive intersection. The 17-year-old male was driving north on 7th Street approaching the intersection and struck the pedestrian. He continued driving north on 7th Street leaving the woman lying in the road.

San Bernardino County Fire, Victorville Sheriff's station deputies, and AMR responded to the scene and transported the woman to Victor Valley Global Medical Center (VVGMC) in preparation to be airlifted to a trauma center. The woman, before leaving VVGMC succumbed to her injuries. Deputies from the Victorville Station and the Sheriff's Helicopter (40 King) conducted an area check and located a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect vehicle on La Paz and Mojave Drive.

The 17-year-old driver was detained and information obtained during the investigation linked both him and the vehicle he was driving to the collision. The driver was booked into jail for gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of drugs causing great bodily injury or death, and hit and run causing great bodily injury or death.

Seventh Street was closed to traffic both north and southbound between La Paz and Valley Center Drive until 4:15 a.m. on Saturday. This is an ongoing investigation by the Victorville Station Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone with information about the collision is requested to contact Deputy Wallace or Deputy Dekeyrel at the Victorville Police Station.

<https://247headline.com/intoxicated-juvenile-arrested-for-fatal-hit-and-run-vehicle-versus-pedestrian/>

Residents Suffer Winter Challenges

Heidi Fron, Mountain News

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Chains were required for all mountain residents coming back up the mountain, even if they were driving a four-wheel drive vehicle Cal Trans District 8 Twitter

Search and rescue missions, disabled motorists and closed highways characterized the events of Jan. 18-23, as three separate storms battered the mountain communities.

The Twin Peaks sheriff's station reported that the California Highway Patrol (CHP) was requested to assist an off-duty hospital police officer, his wife and two dogs, who were stuck, without food or water, at 5 p.m. on Jan. 21. They were located on Crab Flats between Green Valley Lake Road and U.S. Forest Service Road 2N54.

At that time, CHP advised the motorist that their units and tow trucks were unable to get to the vehicle. The situation was eventually resolved at 9 p.m.

Another search and rescue mission, reported by the Twin Peaks station, was triggered by a report from a ham radio operator at 7:41 p.m. on Jan. 22. He heard a motorist report being with a juvenile and stuck in the snow one mile east of Crab Flats Campground on Green Valley Lake Road. The sheriff's Media Incident Detail report reflects that the situation was resolved by 6:22 a.m. on Jan. 23.

A third mission was on Jan. 22 at 12:19 p.m. A male subject and four of his friends went off roading in two vehicles, but not for long. They became stuck near Crab Flats on U.S. Forest Service Road 3N16, about one-half mile west of Green Valley Lake Road. They reported that an unrelated truck was also stuck in the same area.

CHP replied that officers would not be able to reach the subjects, and requested search and rescue assistance. **San Bernardino County Fire** personnel from Station 95 arrived in a snowcat and brought the five off-road enthusiasts out of the forest. No report was provided about the third, Cal Trans District 8 Twitter unrelated truck.

Meanwhile, CHP officers were extremely busy trying to keep the roads clear so Cal Trans and county snow plows could do their jobs. "We had the whole gamut of things to handle," Officer Morris reported from the CHP station in Running Springs. "There were disabled motorists without chains, and vehicles with chains stuck because of how heavy the snowfall was. There were locals and there were tourists who were here prior to chains being mandated," Morris said.

“Closing the highways—18, 330 and 38—helped slow people from getting out and about. People could go down the hill, but only residents were allowed to come up the hill,” according to Morris. He added that the landslides on Highway 138 near Highway 173 caused problems up until Jan. 24.

Highway 18 in the Narrows also caused motorists problems as heavy rains caused a rock slide, taking out some of the steel fence barriers.

Morris reported that there were no major accidents, but a couple with minor injuries.

“We have no real numbers for how many accidents there were because if it is a minor accident with no injuries, we go out to facilitate an exchange of information between the parties.” Due to the high number of minor accidents, the CHP officers don’t create paper reports unless someone requests a “counter report” at the CHP office for insurance purposes.

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_b8440c70-e3f1-11e6-9c72-b73af579608e.html

Fire at Riverview Terrace Apartments

Saul A. Flores, Needles Desert Star

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Investigation is still on going for the cause of the fire that burned Building nine in the Riverview Terrace Apartments on 1933 Erin Drive. More information is to come through an official press release from the Sheriff’s department and the San Bernardino Fire Department.

“The first crew arrived on the scene and saw smoke and flames from the structures interior,” said Dan Nelson, Capitan at Station 32 in Needles. “The fire fighters began to engage in a fire attack and they were able to keep the fire from spreading. The apartment adjacent to the one that caught on fire did suffer some water and fire damage, no civilians were injured in the fire. We called the Sheriff’s department Arson and Bomb unit to work along side our investigator to try and determine if it was arson or not.”

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles_desert_star/fire-at-riverview-terrace-apartments/image_6d9e2bf0-e717-11e6-ada1-2b4302c1fc4e.html