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2 injured after big rig careens off 15 freeway in Cajon Pass (video)

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CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Two people were critically injured after a semi careened off the 15 freeway off-ramp and crashed into a gas station leaving people trapped Tuesday morning.

At approximately 8:02 am, a crash involving a tractor-trailer was reported as it exited from the southbound I-15 onto the SR-138 off-ramp in the Cajon Pass.

Victor Valley News Member Cathy Hernandez said her husband witnessed the crash. “He said the rig was driving really fast passing up other cars. He thinks the rig lost his brakes and was unable to stop.”

Surveillance video of the crash shows the tractor-trailer exiting the 15 freeway off-ramp at a high rate speed nearly clipping a small white car, also exiting. Unable to stop, the semi continued across east and westbound lanes of Highway 138 and struck an SUV traveling east on SR-138. The semi eventually came to a stop after crashing down an embankment and into the Shell Gas Station.

Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded and began extrication on two subjects trapped. According to San Bernardino County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin one patient was transported by ground ambulance and a the second patient was airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

A witness at the scene said the occupants of the SUV were alert and complaining of whiplash after the crash. CHP has issued a hard road closure on the eastbound 138 from the southbound 15. The SIGALERT was issued at 8:12 am, and it’s unknown how long it will remain in effect for.

The story is continuing to develop and information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/2-injured-big-rig-careens-off-15-freeway-cajon-pass/>

Assemblyman Marc Steinorth to run against incumbent Janice Rutherford for San Bernardino County supervisor

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Assemblyman Marc Steinorth, R-Rancho Cucamonga, pulled candidacy papers on Monday to run against San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford for her seat on the board. He announced last week he would not seek a third term as Assemblyman. 2) San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford, who represents the county's second supervisorial district and was elected in 2010, said Monday she was taken aback by Assemblyman Marc Steinorth's bid for her seat on the board of supervisors. She acknowledged it will be a tough campaign race, but she's ready for the challenge.

Assemblyman Marc Steinorth, R-Rancho Cucamonga, pulled candidacy papers Monday to run against incumbent San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford, said Melissa Eickman, spokeswoman for the Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters.

On Friday, Steinorth announced that, after serving two terms in office, he would not seek re-election. He said in a statement he had already done "more than he ever imagined" and wanted to spend more time with his family. He stressed, however, that his service to the community was not over. And speculation that swirled about him making a possible run against Rutherford, elected in 2010, was confirmed on Monday.

A former Rancho Cucamonga councilman, Steinorth, 47, was first elected to the 40th Assembly District in 2014. His district includes most of San Bernardino and Rancho Cucamonga along with Redlands, Loma Linda and Highland.

San Bernardino County's second supervisorial district includes the cities of Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, and a large chunk of Fontana, as well as the unincorporated communities of Devore, Lytle Creek, Crestline and Lake Arrowhead.

"It's a surprise to me. Marc sent me a signed endorsement card," Rutherford said in a telephone interview Monday. "He has not called me yet, so I really don't know what's going on with him."

As of Monday, Steinorth's endorsement was still on Rutherford's campaign website.

Steinorth did not return repeated telephone calls seeking comment.

Steinorth is now Rutherford's most viable challenger. Last month, Ken Petschow, a 54-year-old airline pilot and San Antonio Heights resident, announced his candidacy for Rutherford's seat on the board. He said the annexation of Upland's fire department by the county, and a \$158 tax imposed on residents as a result, without a vote, was one of the reasons he decided to run.

Rutherford was unphased by Petschow's announcement, but Steinorth's pulling of candidacy papers on Monday sounded an alarm for her.

“He is a tough campaigner, so this is going to be a challenging race. It’s going to require a lot of money and a lot of volunteer time,” Rutherford said. “I’m not concerned about that. I will have most of those things.”

Among Rutherford’s dozens of endorsements include county Sheriff John McMahon, District Attorney Mike Ramos, county supervisors Curt Hagman and Robert Lovingood, and Assemblymen Chad Mayes and Joy Obernolte, among others. Rutherford also announced Monday she received the endorsement of Sen. Mike Morell. Steinorth’s announcement that he would not seek another term as Assemblyman followed the Feb. 9 announcement by San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor James Ramos that he would be vying for Steinorth’s seat on the Assembly.

Ramos, who could not immediately be reached for comment Monday evening, said on Feb. 9 that, if elected assemblyman, he would focus on the issues of importance in the Inland Empire – economic development, tackling homelessness, improving education and working with public safety to keep communities safe.

With Steinorth now out of the Assembly race, Ramos, a San Manuel tribal member with unlimited funds, said in a statement last week he would be “heavily favored to win.”

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/03/05/assemblyman-marc-steinorth-to-run-against-incumbent-janice-rutherford-for-san-bernardino-county-supervisor/>

Assemblyman Marc Steinorth drops out of race against Ramos, launches bid for county supervisor seat

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Marc Steinorth, Highland’s representative in the California Assembly, won’t seek re-election. His name now appears on county registrar’s unofficial list of candidates as a challenger to two-term San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford in District 2.

Steinorth has yet to respond to phone calls and e-mails from the Highland Community News.

The California Political Review quotes Steinorth as saying, “After two terms in the State Assembly I have done more than I ever imagined,” then questions what accomplishments he could claim after four years in the minority party.

And it says Steinorth should return the \$65,750 the California Republican Party gave him on Jan. 4 for his Assembly re-election campaign.

The Assembly currently has 25 Republicans, 52 Democrats and three vacancies, giving the GOP less than a third of the votes.

County Supervisor James Ramos, former chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, recently announced his candidacy for Steinorth’s 40th Assembly District’s seat.

Ramos shared Steinorth’s announcement in a press release on Monday.

The website marcsteinorth.com doesn’t mention his decision, but still invites contributions to his campaign.

Green Party member Carol A. Bouldin has announced her candidacy for the 40th Assembly seat, according to the registrar's list. It also lists a candidate named Kenneth Petschow as a candidate for District 2 on the county board.

Highland is represented by Ramos in District 3. If elected, a vote to replace him is likely in November. In his press release, Ramos lists endorsements from Assemblywoman Eloise Gómez Reyes, San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon

Redlands Mayor Paul Foster, Teamsters Local 1932, San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 935, and Robert Garcia, president of the Etiwanda School District board of trustees.

In a press release on Monday, Rutherford announced the endorsement of state Sen. Mike Morell, a Republican who represents Highland in the 22nd District. Rutherford was an aide to former state legislator Bill Leonard.

Before being elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2010, she served on the Fontana City Council for 10 years.

https://www.highlandnews.net/news/political/assemblyman-marc-steinorth-drops-out-of-race-against-ramos-launches/article_7e899a7e-215b-11e8-be45-63b7fd6ca293.html

Victorville students learn about careers in school maintenance and grounds

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VICTORVILLE — Children are often asked the question, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Fifth-graders in the Victor Elementary School District got the chance to contemplate their answers after attending the 11th annual Maintenance and Grounds Career Fair, which began its four-day run on Monday.

Descending on the District Services office in Victorville, nearly 1,300 students visited 12 different stations to get a real-world introduction into a variety of trades and professions by the very people who help keep their schools safe and running smoothly.

Over 15 representatives in nearly 11 different careers were on hand during the opening day. Electricians Ruben Santos and Chuck Baldwin invited students to turn on lights using a gigantic switch, and talked about how to stay safe around electrical sources. The heating, ventilation and air condition (HVAC) department was represented by David Cliff and Steve Armstrong.

Locksmith Dave Wilson's station included fire extinguishers as well as a large array of locks. Fabrication (welding) was presented by Graham Booye and plumbing by Brian Mills and Jeff Berrios.

Ernie Hernandez discussed his work as a carpenter. Alex Guzman, Alex Hammond, Lawrence Akwaboah and Stacie York represented the information technology (IT) department. Other presenters included the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, and for the first time, resource officers from the Sheriff's Department and nutritional services employees.

The VESD K-6 careers curriculum emphasizes the importance of learning “21st century skills” to ensure success in the work world, including team work, problem-solving abilities and good communication skills. Each career station featured posters that tied their specific jobs to these qualities.

Students came prepared with questions to ask each presenter; several of the youngsters wanted to know which school subjects and skills were needed to be successful.

According to VESD spokesman Eric Camarena, these brief presentations are a collaborative effort between the various departments and educational staff, and a highly positive experience for students and staff alike. Electrician Ruben Santos agreed: “It does a lot for our department. I’m so glad to work for a district where we’re part of the education as well.”

Educational Support Specialist Lisa Sievers believed that it’s vital for children to make connections between school and work.

“Kids need a purpose for why they need to learn,” she said. “When they get that spark of ‘ooh, I can be this,’ then school has more of a purpose.”

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