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## **One reported killed in Fontana crash, multiple victims hospitalized**

Gail Wesson, The Press-Enterprise  
Posted: January 12, 2018 at 12:09 am

A two-vehicle collision at Arrow Route and Cherry Avenue in Fontana was described as involving a fatality as well as injured victims transported to hospitals Thursday night, according to a California Highway Patrol traffic incident log.

The collision was reported at 8:42 p.m., with one vehicle overturned and one described as “torn” in half. Children were passengers in the overturned vehicle.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department also responded to the scene. Records indicate four patients were transported to hospitals, Eric Sherwin, spokesman for the fire department, wrote in a statement.

Information was not immediately available concerning how many victims were adults or children.

<https://www.pe.com/2018/01/12/one-reported-killed-in-fontana-crash-multiple-victims-hospitalized/>

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## **Two die in head-on crash on Old Woman Springs Road**

Staff Writer, Hi Desert Star  
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LUCERNE VALLEY — Two people died when a Ford pickup truck crashed into a Lexus SUV on Old Woman Springs Road Thursday morning.

The accident was reported at 8:21 a.m. According to the CHP, an unidentified man was driving a 2003 Ford F150 east on Old Woman Springs Road at an unknown speed. Near mile marker 30, the man drove across the solid double-yellow lines and into the westbound lane. The move put him directly into the path of a 2017 Lexus SUV driven by a 62-year-old woman from Breckenridge, Colorado.

The two vehicles crashed head-on.

The man driving the Ford F150 and the right front passenger of the Lexus SUV were fatally injured and were pronounced dead at the scene.

The woman driving the SUV suffered major injuries and a medic helicopter was called in to fly her to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

Officers from the Victorville and Morongo Basin CHP offices responded to the scene along with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

CHP Officer E. Krahn, from the Victorville office, is investigating why the truck driver entered oncoming traffic and whether alcohol or drugs were a factor in the crash.

Anyone who saw the collision or has information for the investigator is asked to call the Victorville CHP at (760) 241-1186.

[http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article\\_30c64ad8-f728-11e7-83ed-1bbb93c689fb.html](http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_30c64ad8-f728-11e7-83ed-1bbb93c689fb.html)

## **2 killed, 3rd badly hurt in fiery crash on remote Highway 247 in San Bernardino County**

Michael Watanabe, The Press-Enterprise

Posted: January 11, 2018, 10:36 am

Two people died and a third victim suffered life-threatening injuries in a fiery head-on crash Thursday morning along remote Highway 247 at Mile Marker 30, officials said.

The crash prompted the closure of the roadway in both directions for about a half-hour, near Johnson Valley. Firefighters and officers from the California Highway Patrol Victorville office responded to a report of a crash at 8:30 a.m. Thursday and found a vehicle well-involved in fire, said Eric Sherwin, spokesman for the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

One victim was pronounced dead at the scene, Sherwin said. A second victim in grave condition also succumbed at the scene.

A third victim with life-threatening injuries was taken to a trauma center.

The crash involved a Ford pickup driving east. For an unknown reason, it crossed the center line and hit a Lexus head-on before overturning and bursting into flames, CHP Officer Robert Grieve said. It's still not known if alcohol or other drugs played a part in the crash.

The crash prompted the closure of the 247 in both directions, Caltrans tweeted just after 9 a.m. By 9:46 a.m., the eastbound lane had reopened. The highway runs between Barstow and Yucca Valley.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/01/11/2-killed-3rd-badly-hurt-in-fiery-crash-on-remote-highway-247-fire-officials-say/>

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## **Woman found dead in vacant building fire in Victorville**

Staff Writer, VVNG

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Firefighters found a deceased man inside the building following the fire.(Photo by Julio Gudino)

**VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com)** – A woman was found dead following a vacant building fire early Thursday morning in Victorville.

At 2:30 am, **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a commercial structure fire in the 15200 of 7th Street and Tracy Street in Victorville.

Upon arrival firefighters located a boarded up building with heavy smoke and fire. Fire crews went into the offense attack and requested a 2nd alarm response, according to SBC Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin. Firefighters managed to knock the fire down by 2:57 am. “During a secondary search we located one deceased subject inside the structure,” said Sherwin.

Sheriff’s officials confirmed the body of an unidentified female was discovered. “The cause of the fire, identity of the female and cause of death are under investigation,” stated a sheriff’s news release.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the Victorville Police Department at (760) 241-2911. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78CRIME (27463), or you may leave information on the We-Tip website at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

<http://www.vvng.com/1-person-found-dead-vacant-building-fire-victorville/>

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## **Navigating Treacherous Conditions This Winter**

**Staff Writer, Mountain News**

Posted: Thursday, January 11, 2018 9:40 am

Although the snow scene has been pretty bare, winter is finally showing its face. With this recent storm that came and passed, here are a few driving tips, both for those who are new to the mountain and those who simply need the reminder. All safety tips are provided by public agencies such as the California Highway Patrol, **San Bernardino County Fire** and Caltrans.

**Drive Slowly** – Most winter collisions are a result of driving too fast for the current conditions. Remember to slow down on the roads and give yourself extra time to get to your destination.

**Don’t Tailgate** – Be sure to leave at least three car lengths in between you and the driver ahead of you during icy or snowy weather conditions. It takes a longer distance to stop your vehicle on winter roads.

**Turn on Your Headlights** – Visibility is greatly hindered in rain, fog, ice or snow storms, so remember to turn on your low beams when in these conditions so that other drivers can see you, even during daylight.

**Avoid Distracted or Drowsy Driving** – Limit your distractions while driving in poor weather conditions. Keep your awareness on the road. Never drive when tired and leave the cell phone alone.

**Keep Up with Your Car Maintenance** – Check your windshield wipers, tires, brakes, etc., on a regular basis, to avoid a mishap while driving.

**Check Your Tires** – Make sure they are properly inflated and the tread is in good condition.

**Make Sure You Can See Out All Windows** – Give yourself extra time before you drive to make sure your windows are defrosted and scraped clean of any ice that is obstructing your vision and ability to be an alert driver.

**Check the Roadways and Traffic Ahead of Time** – Winter conditions can be somewhat unpredictable so it’s important to check the roadways and traffic before you head out, in order to give yourself enough time to safely arrive at your destination. Speeding in poor weather conditions puts other drivers and emergency responders at risk. Check highway conditions at [www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi](http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi).

Turn Around, Don't Drown – Never cross a flooded roadway that you can't see because it's covered by water. It can take as little as six inches of moving water to turn a car ride into a life-threatening emergency.

Always Carry Snow Chains – Invest in a set of snow chains or approved traction devices for each of your vehicles and carry them in your vehicle, even if it's not snowing. Practice installing your snow chains away from busy roads and be aware of weather conditions and snow chain speed limits.

Carry Safety Items – Suggested items to carry in your car are an ice scraper or commercial de-icer; a broom for brushing snow off your car; a shovel to free your car if it's 'snowed in'; sand or burlap for traction if your wheels should become mired in snow; and an old towel to clean your hands.

Carry Survival Items – It is also a good idea to take along water, food, warm blankets and extra clothing. A lengthy delay will make you glad you have them.

Have Enough Gas – Keep your gas tank full. It may be necessary to change routes or turn back during a bad storm or you may be caught in a traffic delay.

Allow Enough Time – Trips to the mountains can take longer during winter than other times of the year, especially if you encounter storm conditions or icy roads. Get an early start and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

Have an Extra Car Key – A number of motorists have locked themselves out of their cars when putting on chains and at ski areas. Keep an extra key in your pocket.

Stay with Your Vehicle – When stalled, stay with your vehicle and try to conserve fuel while maintaining warmth. Be alert to any possible exhaust or monoxide problems.

Caltrans (the California Department of Transportation) is an invaluable resource in your journey to the mountains, and provides up-to-date information about road conditions so that you can know ahead of time whether or not you need to put traction devices on your tires. The number is 1-800-427-7623; their website is [dot.ca.gov](http://dot.ca.gov). It's important to know if you will need traction devices, as drivers can be fined if they don't have them available during a chain control time.

Caltrans also provides the three different levels of conditions that exist, to let vehicle drivers with different drive capabilities know when they have to put on traction devices.

The conditions are:

- R1: Chains, traction devices or snow tires are required on the drive axle of all vehicles, except those with four wheel/all wheel drive.
- R2: Chains or traction devices are required on all vehicles except four wheel/all wheel drive vehicles with snow-treads on all four wheels. (NOTE: Four wheel/all wheel drive vehicles must carry traction devices in chain control areas.)

- R3: Chains or traction devices are required on all vehicles – no exceptions.

According to the CHP, R1 and R2 are the most common conditions. The highway is usually closed before an R3 condition is imposed.

When any R-Level conditions exist, Caltrans clearly marks where chain control areas, places where traction devices become necessary, are with a billboard a mile before the actual chain control stop. If you reach one of these billboards, make sure to get completely out of the roadway, so as not to impede traffic, before putting on traction devices. Install the devices on a flat surface for best installation, and don't take them off until you've reached the 'End Chain Control' sign.

Follow the same steps for taking them off as for putting them on: get completely off the road and take the traction devices off on a flat surface. Make sure to always remove the devices when they aren't in use, as using them when not needed can cause unnecessary wear and tear, and can force you to buy traction devices you wouldn't have otherwise needed.

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