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## **Air Rescue Of A Hiker In The Pinnacles**

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Lake Arrowhead, CA – On Saturday, June 22nd, Christina Mallon, a 49 year old resident of Rancho Cucamonga, went hiking with friends and family in the area known as “The Pinnacles”, just northwest of Lake Arrowhead. The group decided to hike off trail through the large boulders which cover the area. At one point Mallon was on top of a large boulder and attempted to jump across to another boulder. She slipped and fell approximately 10 feet down a narrow space between the tow boulders. She became wedged between the large rocks and her companions were unable to free her. A call was made to 9-1-1, at that point **San Bernardino County Fire** and Sheriff’s Department rushed to the scene.

Sheriff’s patrol helicopter 40K7 arrived at the location, simultaneously with firefighters, and began the search for Mallon. 40K7 quickly located Mallon’s party but could not see Mallon due to her position between the boulders. Sheriff’s rescue helicopter Air Rescue 6 (AR306) was called to the scene because of the rugged terrain prevented ground rescuers from quickly accessing the area. AR306 arrived on scene and hoisted two air medics down to Mallon’s location. The air medics climbed down to her and discovered she was not seriously injured, but stuck and unable to move.

The air medics tried to free her to no avail, so three of County Fire’s Technical Rescuers were picked up by AR306 and hoisted down to the location to assist. The combined team of County Fire and Sheriff were able to free her and get her onto a rescue litter. She was then hoisted up to AR306 and transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

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## **Needles fire reveals unlicensed marijuana facility**

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NEEDLES — More than 300 marijuana plants were seized at an unlicensed cannabis facility in Needles over the weekend after public safety and law enforcement personnel responded to a fire call.

“Around 5:38 p.m. (on Saturday) the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and the Colorado River Station of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department responded to the call of a residential fire,” said Adrian Chavez, senior code enforcement officer for the city of Needles. “The city responded to the scene around 6:10 p.m.”

The structure fire in the 800 block of Market Street uncovered an illegal marijuana growing operation.

Needles City Manager Rick Daniels said this was the fourth unlicensed cannabis facility that has been shut down in Needles.

The City of Needles, in a prepared statement Monday, said the fire was caused by a non-permitted electrical bypass. Once fire department personnel had extinguished the fire, they found an indoor marijuana grow area in the garage of the residence.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Marijuana Team removed 338 marijuana plants, chemicals and grow equipment from the residence.

“Because there were chemicals in the residence, hazmat suits had to be used,” said Daniels.

Daniels confirmed that the plants were taken by the sheriff’s department and will be destroyed.

“The building has been red-tagged unsafe which means that no one is allowed access except for city staff and the sheriff’s department,” said Chavez.

Needles is cracking down on illicit cannabis activity and, according to city officials, will move forward with the administrative process, which could include a \$1,000 fine per plant violation for the plants in addition to the building code violations.

In order to make sure that all the marijuana cultivations are licensed, the city works closely with the State of California which has developed CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing. The program is a division of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, which ensures the public safety and environmental protection by licensing and regulating commercial cannabis cultivators in California. Needles Code Enforcement officers are involved to ensure that not only the Needles municipal code is enforced and taxes collected, but also that California state laws regarding cannabis cultivation and records of sales are kept.

“The city’s goal is full compliance at all times,” said Chavez.

“The city takes enforcement serious,” said Daniels. “We are grateful for the help that the sheriff’s department and fire department provided. It was a good interagency effort.”

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## **Rancho Cucamonga woman is rescued after falling while hiking near Lake Arrowhead**

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A 49-year-old Rancho Cucamonga woman was rescued after falling while hiking in an area near Lake Arrowhead on June 22, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The woman and her friends and family members were in the remote area known as "The Pinnacles" and deduced to hike off trail through the large boulders which cover the area.

At one point, the woman was on top of a large boulder and attempted to jump across to another boulder. She slipped and fell about 10 feet down a narrow space between the two boulders. She became wedged between the large rocks and her companions were unable to free her. A call was placed to 911 and members of **San Bernardino County Fire** and Sheriff’s Department rushed to the scene.

Sheriff’s patrol helicopter 40K7 arrived at the location simultaneously with firefighters and began the search for the woman. 40K7 quickly located the group but could not see the trapped woman due to her position between the boulders.

Sheriff’s rescue helicopter Air Rescue 6 (AR306) was called to the scene because the rugged terrain prevented ground rescuers from quickly accessing the area. AR306 arrived on scene and hoisted two air medics down to

the woman's location. The air medics climbed down to her and discovered she was not seriously injured but stuck and unable to move.

The air medics tried to free her to no avail, so three of County Fire's technical rescuers were picked up by AR306 and hoisted down to the location to assist. The combined team of County Fire and Sheriff were able to free her and get her onto a rescue litter. She was then hoisted up to AR306 and transported to a hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

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## SHOC Exercise Tests Readiness

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Sheltering operations were set up in real-time to test the county's departments such as the Red Cross readiness for community evacuations.

Over 175 participants from 32 County Departments, the American Red Cross, and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) participated in a two-part exercise, a functional exercise and a tabletop exercise, which featured the activation of a Shelter Operations Compound (SHOC) on Thursday, June 6, 2019. The exercise was coordinated by Mass Care Planners from the Office of Emergency Services and was conducted at the National Orange Show in San Bernardino.

The exercise scenario was based on a mountain region wildfire that forced the evacuation of whole communities, with an estimated 65,000 residents displaced. Sheltering operations were set up in real-time, as County Departments and agencies provided a variety of client services to volunteer "shelter residents" fleeing the wildfire.

The exercise was conducted to test the activation of the County's SHOC Plan, an all-inclusive and innovative approach to Mass Care. A SHOC provides a one-stop shop for access to a Local Assistance Center (LAC), a co-located animal shelter, reunification and communication centers in addition to basic shelter services and access to advanced medical and mental health services. The exercise also tested the county's donation management system.

"When the call comes to evacuate, the County of San Bernardino is ready, willing and able to assist you with your evacuation needs," stated **Office of Emergency Services** Manager Michael Antonucci. "We continually test our operation plans to ensure we are ready and available when needed."

The SHOC "concept" was created in 2003, with its first deployment during the 2016 wildfire. After considerable refinement, coordination and training, this programmatic approach to mass care and sheltering is being held up as a model for multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline mega-sheltering. Over 300 county employees are trained to support the SHOC. San Bernardino County can set-up three SHOCs simultaneously within two hours. Each shelter can accommodate 3,500-5,000 people for as long as necessary for residents to return to their homes safely.

Are you prepared? Have you signed up for the Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS)? Learn more at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

<http://sanbernardino.citynewsgroup.com/articles/shoc-exercise-tests-readiness>