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Fatality Traffic Accident in Mt. Baldy

At approximately 10:30 AM units from San Bernardino County Fire responded to a "walk-in report" at Station 200 in Mt Baldy of a roll over vehicle accident in Ice House Canyon. A bicyclist reported a vehicle came through the brush and landed on the roadway. The first arriving units discovered a vehicle had veered off of Mt Baldy Road and came to rest approximately 700 feet below. The driver, and only occupant, was ejected from the vehicle and was determined dead in the field by San Bernardino County Fire paramedics.

The driver was discovered in a steep and heavily wooded area between the switch backs of Mt Baldy Rd. Access to the body for the coroner was made possible by cooperation from US Forest Service and San Bernardino County Fire Glen Helen hand crew. A 5 foot wide path was cut out of the brush to gain ground access. Use of the path to remove the deceased was not safe and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department helicopter hoisted the body of the deceased for transport to a waiting coroner vehicle. The name of the deceased was not available at the time of this release.

Buckle up for safety. A seat belt could save your life! Make sure that everyone in the car is restrained.

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