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## Firefighters swiftly put out apartment fire

Garrett Berghold, Daily Press

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APPLE VALLEY — A two-alarm fire tore through at least one apartment unit on Monday before being quickly extinguished by firefighters.

Authorities first received reports of a blaze near Thunderbird and Straight Arrow roads at a single-story apartment complex just before 2 p.m., said Jennifer Eisenbrey, fire inspector for the Apple Valley Fire Protection District.

Eisenbrey said the first units on scene reported a fence and spots of vegetation on fire, and that the fire was already burning in an apartment unit.

Kenyard Edwards, 17, who lives in the apartment complex, said he smelled smoke for about 30 minutes before being alerted by a passerby that a fire was raging close by.

“I thought it could of been my oven, so I turned my oven off,” Edwards said while sitting outside on his phone while firefighters shuffled in and out of the courtyard. “Then I hear somebody saying ‘fire,’ so I ran out.”

Edwards said the passersby told him the fire was in the central courtyard that separates two rows of apartment buildings.

Eisenbrey said the fire was elevated to two alarms to make sure enough resources were on the scene. Units from the AVFPD along with Victorville Fire Department and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded.

The area features multiple dense apartment complexes within close proximity to one another.

Dozens of empty butane canisters sat atop a dumpster in the property. Butane is often used as a solvent to produce manufactured cannabis oil through a highly flammable process.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, Eisenbrey said.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20190701/firefighters-swiftly-put-out-apartment-fire>

## Firefighters extinguish vegetation fire near river wash

Carl Baker, Redlands Community News

Posted: July 1, 2019

Redlands firefighters along with firefighters from two other agencies responded to a vegetation fire in the Santa Ana River wash near the end of Amethyst Avenue in Mentone shortly before 11 a.m. Saturday morning, June 29.

The first arriving unit estimated the size of the fire to be half an acre. The fire was burning at a moderate rate in a mixture of brush and grass. Firefighters stopped the fire at about 1 acre and remained on scene for approximately two and a half hours to fully extinguish the fire.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. No injuries were reported.

Along with 13 firefighters from the Redlands Fire Department, three firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and 17 firefighters from Cal Fire also responded.

[https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public\\_safety/firefighters-extinguish-vegetation-fire-near-river-wash/article\\_99cf2c36-9c52-11e9-b6e0-17382534b8af.html](https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public_safety/firefighters-extinguish-vegetation-fire-near-river-wash/article_99cf2c36-9c52-11e9-b6e0-17382534b8af.html)

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## North Etiwanda Preserve will be closed during Fourth of July holiday

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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This map shows the boundaries of the North Etiwanda Preserve, which will be closed on July 4.

Due to increased fire danger, the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department will be implementing a closure of the North Etiwanda Preserve during the Fourth of July holiday.

The closure will be in effect from 8 p.m. on July 3 through 6:30 a.m. on July 5. A violation of the closure order is punishable by a fine of \$1,000. The closure order can be viewed at [www.RCFire.org](http://www.RCFire.org).

Officials said the closure is necessary to provide for public safety and prevent the ignition of a wildfire that can damage or destroy the natural resources of the region and the historically significant areas within the North Etiwanda Preserve, which is located north of Rancho Cucamonga and northwest of Fontana.

“The North Etiwanda Preserve is a local treasure and an historically important place within our community,” said Rancho Cucamonga Fire Marshal Rob Ball. “Those among us who insist on using fireworks over the Fourth of July holiday put our homes and our open space recreation areas at risk of destruction from a wildfire started by fireworks.”

All fireworks are illegal in the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District, “which includes all of the City of Rancho Cucamonga and undeveloped areas north of the city,” said Ball. “This includes Safe and Sane fireworks that can be purchased in neighboring cities.”

The Fire District encourages residents to report the use of fireworks to the Fire Dispatch Center by calling the non-emergency number of (909) 483-3473 or the Sheriff's Department non-emergency number of (909) 941-1488.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/north-etiwanda-preserve-will-be-closed-during-fourth-of-july/article\\_dc9606c6-9c4c-11e9-b921-9b82c95abc2b.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/north-etiwanda-preserve-will-be-closed-during-fourth-of-july/article_dc9606c6-9c4c-11e9-b921-9b82c95abc2b.html)

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## **Video shows small plane making emergency landing in middle of California desert**

Staff Writer, CBS News

Posted: July 2, 2019, 7:22 AM

Chino, Calif. -- Authorities released video Monday of the emergency landing of a small plane in the middle of Southern California's Mojave Desert, CBS Los Angeles reports.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department tweeted out footage from Sunday of the gliding low, then plane crash landing near Ludlow in the Mojave National Preserve.

The video, taken through the front cockpit window, shows a motionless propeller. The video shakes violently as the plane hits the ground and comes to a stop.

The pilot, Mark Dilullo, owns an aviation maintenance business. He was in the Beechcraft Sundowner with his wife, Nicole, testing the results of some recent maintenance work when the engine stalled.

They were returning from Needles, Calif. to Chino when the engine lost fuel, and Dilullo knew he would have to make an emergency landing without a working propeller within minutes.

Dilullo told CBS L.A. Nicole was sleeping at the time, and when he woke her to tell her about the landing she was visibly nervous, so he told her to record it, to try to keep her occupied.

"I said, 'Hey, we're gonna land in the desert,' and she said, 'I don't want to,'" Dilullo said. "Then I said that the engine was gonna quit and we're not going to have a choice."

It was 105 degrees at the time and they couldn't walk out on their own because there were no roads in the area.

"I'm pretty sure what I said was, 'I'm not up to walking home, and I don't want to spend the night here,'" Dilullo recalled.

They were thankful to the San Bernardino County Fire crew that flew out to pick them up. Both were unhurt.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/emergency-landing-mojave-desert-small-plane-caught-on-video/>

## Wife Records Video as Pilot Makes Emergency Landing After Engine Cuts Off

Tony Shin, NBC 4 News

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A pilot and his wife were forced to make an emergency landing in San Bernardino County on Sunday after the engine on their small plane cut off, and the entire ordeal was caught on video.

The pilot Mark Dilullo said he never panicked when he realized that the engine had cut off, as he and his wife, Lisa Dilullo, were flying over the Mojave Desert heading to Chino Airport.

Lisa Dilullo, on the other hand, was really worried.

"I knew I needed her to focus on something, so I said it would be really good if you could video tape this," Mark Dilullo said.

The video his wife recorded shows the propeller on the plane not moving. A frightening sight for most people, but for Mark Dilullo, it was no problem.

"Fortunately for me, I'm a pilot examiner for the FAA. I test pilots and one of the maneuvers we had to do was a forced landing, so at least once a week, I get to see somebody else do a forced landing," said Mark Dilullo.

He had about three minutes before he would be forced to land on the bumpy desert terrain. So, he knew that he needed to quickly send out a distress call.

Thankfully, he received a quick response from an American Airlines pilot who was flying overhead.

"I told him, 'I got two souls on board, we've lost the engine, we are going down in the desert,'" Mark Dilullo said.

He quickly made sure to give the pilot his exact coordinates for rescuers to easily find them once they safely landed.

After letting the pilot know their coordinates, Mark and Lisa Dilullo braced themselves for impact as they got closer and closer to the desert floor. Miraculously, the two were not injured.

"There's always the idea that there is going to be a fire and there's going to be a rollover," said Dilullo.

The plane naturally came to a rough but safe stop. Members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and **SB Fire** Department quickly responded.

After an hour and a half, the Dilullos were found. Once found, they decided to take a picture with their rescuers who the pilot said were "real pros."

The Dilullos are safe, but investigators are still working to figure out what caused the engine to fail.

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Video-Pilot-Emergency-Landing-After-Engine-Cuts-Off-512091602.html>

## Authorities Release Dramatic Cockpit Video of Moment Plane Crashes into Desert in Emergency Landing

Ashley Boucher, People.com

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Dramatic footage of an emergency plane landing in the Mojave Desert from over the weekend was released on Monday — and thankfully, both the pilot and passenger survived uninjured.

The pilot and passenger, who remain unnamed, were flying from Needles, California to Chino, California in a Beechcraft Sundowner on Sunday, June 30. Just before noon, the plane's engine lost oil and stalled, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

The pilot then made an emergency landing in the Mojave National Preserve north of the I-40 near Ludlow, California, as there were not airfields near the remote area, in the eastern part of Southern California about 145 miles from Las Vegas.

The video released by the SBFD on Monday shows what was sure to be a tense and frightening moment for both the pilot and the passenger, who remain pretty quiet throughout the process — until the dramatic moment when the plane touches ground.

With radio chatter in the background, viewers can see the plane's propellor unmoving as the ground becomes closer and closer.

As the plane lands, viewers can hear the passenger yell and loud crashing noises as the plane's alarm sounds.

“Oh my god,” the passenger says just before the video ends.

The fire department also shared a few photos of the aftermath, revealing the plane's tire fallen off and the right side wing in wreckage.

The pilot and passenger were uninjured after the emergency landing, “but faced a four to five mile hike to the closest road OR a very long wait for ground resources to reach them,” according to the fire department's account of the incident. Heat was in the triple digits in that area on Sunday, the department said.

A medical helicopter was sent to the scene, and the pilot and passenger were taken to the Barstow-Daggett airport to get ground transportation home and out of the elements as soon as possible.

<https://people.com/human-interest/plane-crash-cockpit-video-emergency-landing-desert/>

## Video shows what pilot saw as plane crash-landed in remote California desert

Jared Gilmour, The Sacramento Bee

Posted: July 1, 2019, 2:52 PM

A small airplane had to make an emergency landing in the remote California desert over the weekend — and video captured the rocky crash from the pilot’s perspective.

The pilot and passenger survived unscathed during the Sunday morning crash in the Mojave National Preserve, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials said. The pilot said the plane’s engine lost oil pressure and stalled on a journey from Needles to Chino, but with no landing strips nearby the pilot said they had to make do with the remote desert floor.

“I would consider them very lucky,” said Kyle Hauducoeur, a spokesman for the department, according to the Daily Press in Victorville.

The pair crashed the single-engine Beechcraft Sundowner near Ludlow, north of Interstate 40 and about a four- or five-mile trek from the nearest road, according to the Fire Department. The pilot connected with a Sheriff’s Department helicopter to report that neither person was injured.

A medical helicopter responded to the desert scene, where temperatures were in the triple digits on Sunday, fire officials said. That medical helicopter flew both of them to the Barstow-Daggett airport so they could get home. Fire officials did not identify the pair involved in the crash.

Video of the aborted flight, which was released by the Fire Department and recorded from inside the plane, shows the small aircraft cruising toward the scrubby desert before finally making contact with the ground in a shaky landing.

The camera that was recording the landing drops to the floor during the rocky crash.

“Are you OK?” the man piloting the plane asks once the aircraft is on the ground.

“Yes — thank you, God,” his passenger responds.

Hauducoeur described the crash site as “in a very remote section of the preserve,” the Daily Press reports.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are looking into the cause of the airplane crash, the Chino Champion reports.

Fire officials said the pilot reached out to those federal agencies, as well as to the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Office, to help in the investigation.

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/article232167132.html>

## Cockpit Video Released in Airplane Crash Landing in the Mojave Desert

Brian Day, KTLA 5

Posted: July 1, 2019, 5:14 PM

Authorities released dramatic video Monday footage from the cockpit of a small airplane that made a crash landing in the Mojave Desert near Ludlow after losing power on Sunday.

The pilot and a passenger both escaped without injury following the emergency landing, which took place just before noon in a remote section of the Mojave National Preserve, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials said.

The footage shows the plane gliding over the desert, with its propeller motionless, before a rough touchdown on top of sand and shrubs.

A man who had been flying the plane and a woman riding as a passenger were unhurt, officials said. Rescuers picked them up from the remote crash site via helicopter.

The aircraft was en route to Chino from Needles when its engine failed, officials said.

<https://ktla.com/2019/07/01/cockpit-video-released-in-airplane-crash-landing-in-the-mojave-desert/>

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## Video: Passenger Captures Emergency Plane Landing In Mojave Desert After Engine Stalls

Nicole Comstock, CBS 2/KCAL 9

Posted: July 1, 2019, 10:30 PM

CHINO (CBSLA) — Authorities released video footage Monday of the amazing emergency landing of a small plane in the middle of the Mojave Desert.

**San Bernardino County Fire** tweeted out video footage captured on June 30 of a small plane crash landing near Ludlow north of Interstate 40 in the Mojave National Preserve.

The pilot, Mark Dilullo, owns an aviation maintenance business. He was in the Beechcraft Sundowner with his wife testing out recent maintenance when the engine stalled.

The couple was on their return flight from Needles to Chino when the engine lost fuel and the pilot knew an emergency landing without the propeller would be necessary within minutes.

According to the pilot, his wife was sleeping at the time, and when he woke her to tell her about the emergency landing she was visibly nervous, so he told her to record in efforts to keep her occupied.

“I said, ‘Hey, we’re gonna land in the desert,’ and she said ‘I don’t want to.’” Dilullo said. “Then I said that the engine was gonna quit and we’re not going to have a choice.”

The day of the landing, it was 105 degrees out and they had no way of walking out on their own as there were no roads nearby.



“I’m pretty sure what I said was, ‘I’m not up to walking home, and I don’t want to spend the night here,’” Dilullo said.

They were thankful to the San Bernardino County Fire crew that flew out to get them out of the desert.

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2019/07/01/emergency-plane-landing-mojave-desert/>

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## **Small plane headed to Chino makes emergency landing in Mojave Desert, no injuries reported**

**Josh Thompson, Chino Champion Newspaper**

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A pilot and passenger flying from Needles to Chino escaped injury after their Beechcraft Sundowner plane made an emergency landing in a remote area of the Mojave Desert Sunday afternoon north of Interstate 40 near the Ludlow community. Ludlow is located about 135 miles from Chino.

The two people onboard have not yet been identified, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, which was called just before noon about the crash, said spokesman Kyle Hauducoeur.

“A sheriff’s patrol helicopter established phone communication with the pilot and confirmed the pilot and passenger were uninjured,” Mr. Hauducoeur said.

The pilot reported the plane’s engine lost oil pressure and stalled. Since no airfields were nearby to land, the pilot made an emergency landing in a remote region of the Mojave National Preserve, Mr. Hauducoeur said.

A helicopter was sent to the area to locate the crash scene, but Mr. Hauducoeur said the two people had a choice of walking nearly five miles to the nearest road or sit in triple-digit temperatures and wait for rescuers to find the them.

They decided to wait, the spokesman said.

“The long wait combined with the heat prompted the crew to load the pilot and passenger into their helicopter and transport them to the Barstow-Daggett airport to get them out of the elements and connect with ground transportation to get home,” Mr. Hauducoeur said.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

[http://www.championnewspapers.com/news/article\\_f63d7eca-9c2d-11e9-9231-073b674f0ffd.html](http://www.championnewspapers.com/news/article_f63d7eca-9c2d-11e9-9231-073b674f0ffd.html)