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## **Rialto firefighters put out grass fire before it reached structures**

Ali Tadayon, The Press-Enterprise

Posted: July 2, 2017, 9:28 AM

Rialto firefighters managed to put out a grass fire Saturday before it was able to cause any damage to structures, officials said.

The fire was reported at 3:41 p.m. near the intersection of Agua Mansa Road and Riverside Avenue, according to a Rialto Fire Department news release. When firefighters responded, the fire was creating a possible threat to nearby structures, the news release said.

The fire burned 1 to 1 1/2 acres before firefighters stopped it. Firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and the Colton Fire Department assisted Rialto.

Investigators are still trying to figure out what caused the fire, the news release said.

<http://www.pe.com/2017/07/02/rialto-firefighters-put-out-grass-fire-before-it-reached-structures/>

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## **Three fire agencies quickly contain brush fire Saturday**

Jim Steinberg, The Sun

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RIALTO>>Units from Rialto, Colton and **San Bernardino County fire** departments quickly put down a grass fire Saturday that was a little more than an acre, said Rialto Fire Battalion Chief Art Poduska.

The call came in shortly after 3:30 p.m. and did not threaten structures in an industrial area along Agua Mansa Road just west of Riverside Avenue, Poduska said.

No firefighters were injured and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20170701/three-fire-agencies-quickly-contain-brush-fire-saturday>

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## Adelanto increases fire protection and paramedic service

Victor Valley News Group

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Adelanto Mayor Richard Kerr poses with new Fire Fighters and refurbished engine assigned to Adelanto; (left to right) Captain Greg Breiner, Engineer Robert Myers, Mayor Kerr and Fire Fighter paramedic Chris Tucker (submitted photo)

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Just prior to the start of Fiscal Year 2013-14 on July 1, 2013, the City of Adelanto shuttered Fire Station 321—and three Fire Fighters in the process—due to fiscal constraints, leaving a void in fire protection for the city.

That was then, this is now—as of July 1, 2017, an additional Captain, Engineer and Fire Fighter Paramedic will augment existing staff and operate out of Station 322 on Rancho Road.

“Our Council told the residents that public safety is a top priority and since our fiscal status has improved, this action shows us living up to this priority,” said Mayor Richard Kerr.

After four years of non-use, the engine that was previously assigned to Station 321 required updating of its fire and medical equipment at a cost of approximately \$30,000. “But that figure pales in comparison when you consider the cost of a new Type 1 engine is about \$720,000,” Kerr added.

“There are 6,000 calls for service annually in Adelanto, by increasing the staff 100% and adding an additional engine will reduce response times and residents won’t have to wait for help to arrive from a neighboring city if assistance was needed,” said Dan Mejia, **San Bernardino County Fire** Assistant Chief.

For more information contact Chief Dan Mejia at (909) 633-3287 or by email at: [dmejia@sbcfire.org](mailto:dmejia@sbcfire.org)

<http://www.vvng.com/adelanto-increases-fire-protection-paramedic-service/>

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## Adelanto Adding Staff and Engine to Fire Department to Increase Public Safety

24/7 Headline News

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ADELANTO – Slower response times in the City of Adelanto in the instance of fires or other emergencies have been a concern for area residents since the closure of Fire Station 321 on June 1, 2013. The closure was necessary due to financial woes for the city leading up to the closure. **San Bernardino County Fire** Assistant Chief, Dan Mejia said that there are over 6,000 calls for service yearly in the City of Adelanto.

The City of Adelanto officials have been working hard to grow as a city, ultimately bringing in revenue to now add an additional Captain, Engineer, and Firefighter Paramedic to station 322 located on Rancho Road. “Our Council told the residents that public safety is top priority and since our fiscal status has improved, this action shows us living up to this priority,” said Mayor Richard Kerr. The engine previously used by those at station 321 required updating or its equipment at a cost of around \$30,000. “But that figure pales in comparison when you consider the cost for a new Type 1 engine is about \$720,000,” Kerr added.

“Increasing the staff 100% and adding an additional engine will reduce response times and residents won’t have to wait for help to arrive from a neighboring city of assistance was needed.”

<https://247headline.com/adelanto-adding-additional-staff-and-engine-to-fire-department-to-increase-public-safety/>

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## In Kennedy's absence, Victorville City Council pushes public safety tax discussion

Matthew Cabe, Daily Press

Posted: June 30, 2017, 2:37 PM

VICTORVILLE — Down one member during its last meeting, the City Council pushed discussion on a possible tax measure, raising concerns on the dais over the time left for review before approval of a special election.

Councilman Jim Kennedy requested the public safety tax discussion be agendized during the June 6 meeting, according to city documents. It was placed on the agenda for the June 20 meeting, which Kennedy walked out of during a chaotic public hearing on cannabis regulation.

Wanting the whole Council present for a discussion on the public safety tax, City Manager Doug Robertson suggested setting up a special meeting at a later date.

“This is a complicated matter that I think we need input from all five Council members (on),” Robertson said. “Our next meeting — because of the July 4 closure — would not be until July 18. That gives us an extremely tight time frame to get the resolution (adopted). It could be done, but that’s an extremely tight time frame.”

The tax is undefined at this point, so the purpose during the June 20 meeting was to allow Council to provide further direction to staff concerning what a November ballot measure could look like.

“You could define it as fire only ... (or) police only,” Robertson told the Council. “You could define it as public safety, which could be broad enough to include both and potentially even Code Enforcement. So that’s really one of the things we need to hear from the Council, at some point, is what tax would you like us to put on the ballot, assuming you want to.”

At Robertson’s urging, the Council voted 4-1 in February to terminate its contract with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** once it expires in July 2018. City spokesperson Sue Jones previously said County Fire had notified the city of a \$3 million increase to the contract for capital costs.

The notice to terminate allows the city to explore other service options, including CAL FIRE and the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, according to Jones, who said a public bidding process would be launched soon. The city hopes County Fire also will bid.

Another option would be to re-establish its own Fire Department; however, Kennedy previously said if voters aren’t on board with a tax increase that would raise the city’s sales tax rate from 7.75 percent to either 8.0 or 8.25 percent, “we don’t have any options.”

In Kennedy’s absence, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Cox expanded on that no-option possibility.

“We need to address this really quickly because I think the voters, residents, taxpayers should have a say so,” Cox said. “But if they vote all this down, we have no choice but to turn it over to the county. And if you do, what they charge, I think people are going to be mad.

“This Council can’t get involved (in advocating for the tax), but individually we can. And the business people, the chamber, the homeowner’s associations — people have to get involved in this or it doesn’t stand a chance. And if it doesn’t, boy the consequences are going to be something they don’t like because if it’s turned it over

to the county ... that's the end of the options. That's where we're at forever. We can't undo it, and I want the public to understand."

With those concerns in mind, Cox requested that the discussion be continued to "the earliest possible time" to ensure the tax is in order leading up to the July 18 vote that could place it on a November ballot.

Jones told the Daily Press that city staff continues to work on scheduling for the special meeting, and is eyeing dates later this month.

<http://www.vvdaily.com/news/20170630/in-kennedys-absence-victorville-city-council-pushes-public-safety-tax-discussion>

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## **Fire Rages above East Highlands Ranch**

**Paul Prado, Highland News**

Posted: June 30, 2017, 3:01 PM



Tanker makes retardant drop.

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, a small brush fire started near Baseline and the 210 Freeway. The wind quickly accelerated the flames, and the fire became a raging inferno.

City streets to East Highland's Ranch were blocked by the Ranch's association and law enforcement, as the fire raced up the hillsides. The fire started to grow immensely from Highland Avenue up towards the hills and the homes that were in its path.

A DC10 fire retardant dropping fixed-wing aircraft maneuvered to lay a line of retardant around the fire. The DC10 was instrumental in containing the fire.

Water dropping helicopters and a fixed-wing water dropping aircraft intensified their efforts to douse the blistering flames from taking any homes. They seemed to be refilling in minutes.

At times, it appeared that the fire was dying, only to rear its ugly head and spread even faster towards the houses in the neighborhood. A small canyon, adjacent to homes around the left side of Cloverhill Street, was filled with flames. Firefighters made quick work of the fast-moving flames.

“There isn’t that much brush, because we had a little growth from this rain,” said Aldrin Sangma, regarding the potential for fire danger near his home in East Highlands, on Cloverhill Street. “I got a little worried once the (fire) got close to that ridge there. That’s when they (the fire departments) started rolling up. The fire planes were awesome! I saw a DC10. He came in a laid all this stuff (fire retardant). “There is enough protection up here, and the way the winds were blowing, I felt ok.”

“This fire really surprised me,” said East Highland’s Ranch resident Wilfred Adu-Beng. After seeing the blaze, Adu-Beng felt that the fire was not that dangerous until he saw a neighbor packing. “That’s when I realized that this fire was really serious. “It seems that they’ve (the planes) cut off the fire with a red substance (fire retardant), and they’re slowing pouring water on it,” said Adu-Beng, once the fire was under control.

Fire-fighting units from Rialto, Redlands, San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CalFire, ANS, Department of Forestry, Loma Linda, San Manuel, Los Angeles, and other fire-fighting departments took almost five hours to ultimately calm the flames that scorched the landscape, a mere one hundred yards from homes. Mill Creek brought in hotshot teams to dig fire breaks and hose down hot spots along the rugged hillsides and ridges of the burned area.

According to a **San Bernardino County Fire** fire-fighter, it was reported that some 200 acres were scorched over the afternoon and into the evening.

Evacuations took place and were later lifted at approximately 8:15 p.m.

No injuries were reported, and no loss of homes or structures were reported.

[http://www.highlandnews.net/news/crime\\_and\\_fire/fire-rages-above-east-highlands-ranch/article\\_acdb4f8e-5ddf-11e7-82b5-dbd13674417f.html](http://www.highlandnews.net/news/crime_and_fire/fire-rages-above-east-highlands-ranch/article_acdb4f8e-5ddf-11e7-82b5-dbd13674417f.html)

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## Decommissioned Upland fire truck donation stirs controversy

Liset Márquez, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Posted: June 30, 2017, 6:52 PM



FILE PHOTO. This fire truck was donated to the Cooper Museum. It's seen here at the 38th Annual Upland Christmas Parade & Holiday Faire in downtown Upland, Saturday, December 6, 2014. (Photo by John Valenzuela/ Inland Valley Daily Bulletin)

UPLAND >> Not even a proposal to donate a decommissioned 1970 fire engine to the Cooper Museum is without controversy in this city.

The City Council unanimously voted this week to declare the fire engine surplus and authorize the interim fire chief to donate it to the downtown museum dedicated to Upland history.

There was, however, a kerfuffle among members of the audience and staff over the donation, prompting the council to take a recess mid-discussion Monday night.

It began when speaker Ruth Musser-Lopez and City Attorney Jim Markman got into a verbal disagreement about the deal.

From her seat, Musser-Lopez had been shouting, “gift of public funds,” over the council discussion. Some in the audience also argued the item, which had been taken off the consent calendar for questions, should be turned into a public hearing.

“Shouting out really isn’t going to help, and no, this is not a public hearing. It’s a council discussion item,” Markman explained, adding, “Everything isn’t a public hearing.”

Mayor Debbie Stone called for a recess and members of the council took a four-minute break. After the council had left the dais, resident Marjorie Mikels shouted: “They’re looting the Fire Department already, they’re calling it surplus.”

The council was considering the donation ahead of the city’s move to fold its fire department into **San Bernardino County Fire**. The annexation was initiated by the city in November as a financial move to help the cash-strapped city, which was spending about \$12 million annually on fire services. Those figures were expected to escalate in the next five years.

“As Upland firefighters it was important to preserve the legacy and the history of this fire department, and this is a big step forward in doing that,” Interim Fire Chief Dave Corbin said.



Dave Stevens, president of the Cooper Museum reassured the council that the fire engine will remain available for the public.

Members of the Upland Fire Foundation have expressed their desire to be able look at the finances of the museum to ensure its funds are earmarked for repairs and maintenance of the engine, Stevens said.

“We will take care of it,” Stevens said.

Stevens recently met with Corbin and went through some artifacts at the Upland Fire Department.

“Change is tough. We’ve had a tradition for 100 years and we want to make sure that it is still shown at the Cooper Museum,” Stevens said. “All those artifacts will be shown and they’ll be on permanent display for the rest of the Cooper Museum’s life.”

Councilwoman Janice Elliott said she didn’t have an issue with the donation but requested a contract that would ensure the city wasn’t liable for where it would ultimately be stored. Officials said storage of the truck had not been determined.

Markman said the city could put together a contract for the donation, if that’s what the council wanted.

“You want to make sure it stays somewhere proximate so that Uplanders can enjoy looking at the engine. You don’t want to donate it and find out it went to Iowa,” Markman said.

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/government-and-politics/20170630/decommissioned-upland-fire-truck-donation-stirs-controversy>

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## 1-year-old hit by car in Hesperia

Victor Valley News Group

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The driver of a Honda sedan remained on scene and cooperated with authorities after hitting a 1-year-old child. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) A toddler was rushed to the hospital after being struck by a car in Hesperia Friday afternoon.

The call was dispatched at around 6 pm referencing a 1-year-old child that was struck by a Honda sedan on the 16200 block of Orange Street.

An airship was requested to land off Highway 395 to transport the child to Loma Linda University Medical Center, said **San Bernardino County Fire** Spokesman Ryan Vaccaro.

“The family had just pulled up to their house and was getting out of the car,” nearby neighbor Nancy Lopez said, “all of sudden I hear ‘Baby, baby, baby’ and then heard something hit.” When Lopez realized the girl was struck by a car she immediately called 911.

“The dad grabbed her and put the baby in his arms and started trying to get her to wake up and not to fall asleep,” Lopez said.

The child’s father told Victor Valley News that the baby was trying to fall asleep but eventually started crying.

“I hope my baby is going to be ok, she had blood all over her face,” stated the father, who was visibly shaken.

The female driver of the Honda Fit remained on scene and cooperated with authorities.

The extent of the child’s injuries are unknown at this time, officials said. However, the Major Accident Investigation was not requested to respond.

<http://www.vvng.com/1-year-old-hit-car-hesperia/>

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## Residents have right to vote on fire annexation tax: Glenn Bozar

Glenn Bozar, Opinion, Daily Bulletin

Posted: July 1, 2017, 9:20 AM



Residents attend a Nov. 28 Upland City Council meeting at which the first step was taken to disband the Fire Department. (Daily Bulletin file photo by David Allen)

The city of Upland and county plan to have fire service “annexed” into **San Bernardino County fire protection** is an illegal scheme to avoid Upland and San Antonio Heights residents’ right to vote on special taxes. The California Constitution guarantees our right to vote on taxes.

Upland’s interim city manager, Marty Thouvenell, waived those rights in a county certification document dated Dec. 5, 2016. It states, “As the proponent, I acknowledge that annexation to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District may result in the imposition of taxes, fees and assessments existing within the (city or district) on the effective date of the change of organization. I hereby waive any rights I may have under Articles XIIC and XIID of the State Constitution (Proposition 218) to a hearing, assessment ballot processing or an election on those existing taxes, fees and assessments.”

There are no existing taxes, fees or assessments in Upland or San Antonio Heights for fire service. Fire services provided by the Upland Fire Department and San Bernardino County Fire Department are currently paid for by ad valorem taxes, our property taxes and sales tax revenue. Under the annexation special tax scheme Upland residents will also be transferring 54 percent of property taxes to the county fire service without our approval.

The city manager and City Council members all swore an oath of office to uphold the laws of the state of California. Upland council members Mayor Debbie Stone, Gino Filippi, Carol Timm and Sid Robinson are complicit in this tax scheme when they approved the annexation plan on Feb. 13, 2017. Council member Janice Elliot also voted in favor and later publicly admitted it was a mistake. She paid the political price for daring to do so when Mayor Stone and the other council members kicked her off the committees she served on in retribution for her independent thinking.

The scheme began to move forward on Nov. 28, 2016 when the City Council authorized the interim city manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of annexation with the county fire district and return to council for approval. I was on council at the time and approved this. However, that council was not informed about denying residents a vote on the special tax.

Thouvenell had an obligation to inform council members and citizens about what he was signing and report it to the City Council in public session during the meeting on Feb. 13 for citizens to have the opportunity to speak on the state constitutional right to vote on taxes. No longer on the City Council, I spoke at this meeting in opposition to the annexation for financial reasons that did not make sense, not knowing at the time about being denied the right to vote on the taxes issue. This was deliberately withheld from citizens.

The Montclair city manager also considered the county annexation plan and rejected it because the cost savings would come from the annual parcel tax imposed on property owners.

This county scheme originated with the unincorporated community of 5,600 residents called Helendale, located 63 miles from Upland in the High Desert. In 2006, a two-thirds majority of Helendale's residents voted to approve a special tax for fire protection provided by San Bernardino County Fire District FP-5.

The unelected Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County (LAFCO) that originated the scheme reports to the county supervisors. LAFCO believes that since the residents of Helendale approved a special tax of \$117 a year per property in 2006, the county does not need to hold an election for the residents of Upland and San Antonio Heights to vote on the special tax of \$153 per year. This special tax will also increase up to 3 percent a year without a vote.

LAFCO contends that since this special tax already exists in Helendale County Fire District FP-5, a vote is not necessary because of a court ruling regarding annexation of unincorporated county islands within a larger city (*Sunset Beach v. LAFCO*). In this case, the small unincorporated community of Sunset Beach with 971 residents surrounded by Huntington Beach was annexed into Huntington Beach in 2011. Huntington Beach had an existing utility tax previously approved by a two-thirds majority of voters and this was imposed on the property owners of Sunset Beach without a vote when they were annexed.

LAFCO requires residents of Upland and San Antonio Heights to file LAFCO's written protest form by July 11, when the public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. in Upland City Hall.

I and many other concerned residents have been gathering protest form signatures to demand our right to vote. Contact me at 909-772-0486 for protest forms.

It is a fraud upon the residents of Upland and San Antonio Heights by the county and city of Upland to contend the vote in 2006 by residents of Helendale, 63 miles from Upland, preempts the state constitutional right to vote on taxes.

The Upland City Council members and county supervisors that took the oath of office swearing to uphold the state constitution can and should stop this violation of our right to vote by scheduling an election for this special tax. This would also avoid a potentially costly legal challenge.

*Glenn Bozar is was a member of Upland City Council from 2012-2016.*

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/opinion/20170701/residents-have-right-to-vote-on-fire-annexation-tax-glenn-bozar>

## **Northbound I-15: Two children ejected in rollover; three cars involved in crash**

Charity Lindsey, Hesperia Star

Posted: July 1, 2017, 4:22 PM

Accidents on Interstate 15 snarled traffic Saturday afternoon, one of which involved two children under three years old being ejected from a vehicle, according to authorities.

Near Afton Canyon, a single vehicle rollover occurred in the center divide on the northbound I-15 just before 2 p.m., **San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials said.

Just south of Midway, the crash involved six people in a blue SUV, including three adults and three children. Two children were ejected, approximately 8 months old and 1-2 years old, officials said.

Two airships were requested to transport the crash victims, one for the two ejected children and one for an adult.

As of 4 p.m. Saturday, authorities were still on scene.

About 11 miles south of the rollover was a crash involving three vehicles Saturday afternoon, officials said. Near Harvard Road in Newberry Springs, the crash led to three people being transported by ground ambulance with unknown injuries.

As a result of both accidents, along with Fourth of July weekend traffic toward Las Vegas, the freeway was at a standstill late Saturday afternoon, authorities said.

Meanwhile, just after 1 p.m., a separate rollover was reported on Highway 247 in Lucerne Valley, according to authorities. All occupants were outside of the vehicle, a white Toyota Corolla, when officials arrived, with only minor injuries reported.

<http://www.hesperiastar.com/news/20170701/northbound-i-15-two-children-ejected-in-rollover-three-cars-involved-in-crash>

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## Motorcycle Crash Shuts Down Main Street Saturday Night

Victor Valley News Group

Posted: July 1, 2017



(Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) – A crash involving a motorcyclist and a pickup truck prompted a hard road closure for a portion of Main Street Saturday afternoon.

The crash was reported at 6:32 pm, on Main Street just east of I Avenue in Hesperia.

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When deputies arrived, they located a white Chevy S-10 near the 76 Gas Station exit and a mangled motorcycle in the roadway.

According to a witness, the rider was thrown approximately 50 feet from his motorcycle.

Due to the rider's injuries, **San Bernardino County Firefighters** requested an air ambulance to transport the patient to a trauma center.

The condition of the motorcyclist remains unknown as of 8:30 pm Saturday.

Main Street between I and Timberlane Avenues will remain closed for several hours while the Major Accident Investigation Team conducts the investigation.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Hesperia Sheriff's Station.

Information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/motorcycle-crash-shuts-main-street-saturday-night/>

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## Generator smoke brings firefighters to San Bernardino state office highrise

Gail Wesson, The Press-Enterprise

Posted: July 2, 2017, 5:07 PM



Courtesy of Otto Schramm/San Bernardino County Fire Department

Generator fire kicked up smoke in the state office building Sunday, July 2, but the problem was confined to the equipment atop the 12-story building in downtown San Bernardino.

A generator fire sent a column of black smoke above a state office building just before 7 a.m. Sunday, July 2, in downtown San Bernardino but the blaze was confined to equipment atop the 12-story high rise, according to a **San Bernardino County Fire Department** news release.

The building was not occupied at the time.

A San Bernardino police officer spotted the smoke above the Rosa Parks State Government Center in the 400 block of West Fourth Street downtown and alerted firefighters. The building houses Caltrans and other state offices.

Because of a power outage that affected elevators, firefighters had to use the stairs to gain access. Colton and Loma Linda fire departments assisted on the call.

<http://www.pe.com/2017/07/02/generator-smoke-attracts-firefighter-response-to-san-bernardino-state-office-highrise/>

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## Sheriff's dive team recovers body of Silver Lakes drowning victim Sunday

Daily Press

Posted: July 2, 2017, 5:41 PM



The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dive Team searches Silver Lakes for the body of a missing man. The team recovered the unidentified man in the North Lake on Sunday. [Photo courtesy of San Bernardino Sheriff's Department]

**SILVER LAKES** — On Sunday, authorities recovered the body of a man missing in the waters since the previous night.

The unidentified man went missing Saturday night after jumping into North Lake and not surfacing, authorities said. He was later determined a drowning victim, according to San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials.

**San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials received a report that a man had jumped into the water and not resurfaced at 7:41 p.m. Saturday.

The Sheriff's Dive Team recovered his body on Sunday. Lieutenant Doug Wolfe said via Twitter that the drowning victim was involved in a "boating accident."

No further information was provided by officials on Sunday. This story is developing and will be updated as more information becomes available.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170702/sheriffs-dive-team-recovers-body-of-silver-lakes-drowning-victim-sunday>

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## Car fire on Interstate 15 delays California-Nevada traffic

Max Michor Las Vegas Review-Journal

Posted: July 2, 2017, 5:57 PM



A burned car is seen in the Mountain Pass area on Interstate 15 north in California on Sunday. (William Michael Rouse/via Facebook video)



A wildfire is seen in the Mountain Pass area on Interstate 15 north in California on Sunday. (William Michael Rouse/via Facebook video)

A car fire on Interstate 15 near Mountain Pass is delaying traffic coming into Nevada from California.

About 2:30 p.m. Sunday, a small gray SUV caught fire on northbound I-15, about 17 miles from the Nevada border, according to the California Highway Patrol's traffic site.

The fire spread to the mountain, and smoke reduced visibility in the north and southbound lanes, the Highway Patrol said.

**San Bernardino Fire Department** spokesman Eric Sherwin said the fire spread out over about 15 acres. Firefighters from San Bernardino, Clark County and the Bureau of Land Management are responding.

"It's burning fast and putting off a whole lot of smoke, but thankfully there aren't any heavier fuels out there that could make it into something more substantial," Sherwin said.

He said no firefighters or civilians were injured.

All three northbound lanes of the highway were shut down, according to the Highway Patrol, and as of 5 p.m. all but one lane had reopened.

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/local-las-vegas/car-fire-on-interstate-15-delays-california-nevada-traffic/>

## **Sheriff's Aviation performs hoist rescue**

**SBSD Aviation via Highland News**

Posted: July 3, 2017, 8:07 AM

On Sunday, July, 1st, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Aviation was requested by **San Bernardino County Fire** Dispatch to respond to the Aztec Falls area for a possible hoist rescue of a fall victim. The victim, identified as Christopher Moreno, 25, of Westminster, sustained non-life threatening injuries while jumping from a rock wall into the water. Due to his injuries he could not hike out of the area on his own.

Sheriff's Air Rescue 306 responded to the scene and lowered rescue crews approximately 140 feet down to Moreno. Moreno was placed into a stokes rescue litter, hoisted up to the helicopter and flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

Air Rescue 306 Crew:

Pilot: Corporal Jon Anderson

Crew Chief: Deputy Wayne Hess

Medic: Deputy Chris Mejia

Medic: Dr. Samuel Salcedo

Medic: Paramedic Matthew Perkins

[http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public\\_safety/sheriff-s-aviation-performs-hoist-rescue/article\\_4bf23c5e-6001-11e7-b851-ebbdf2f87931.html](http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/sheriff-s-aviation-performs-hoist-rescue/article_4bf23c5e-6001-11e7-b851-ebbdf2f87931.html)