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Aviation conducts a night vision hoist rescue after an injured hiker slid off of a rock onto a cliff

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On Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at approximately 8:12 p.m. a San Bernardino County Sheriff's helicopter (40King1), with crew of Pilot Deputy Doug Brimmer, Crew Chief Sergeant San Futscher and Tactical Flight Officer Corporal Ed Leon, responded to the Castle Rock area reference a hiker who slid off a large rock and onto a cliff. The hiker was stuck on the cliff and was unable to get to safety. The crew of 40King1 located the hiker using GPS coordinates through a friend's cell phone.

The crew determined that a night vision hoist rescue was needed to get the hiker off the steep cliff. Sgt. Futscher lowered Cpl. Leon down to the hiker using the helicopter's external hoist. Once on the ground, Leon placed the victim into a rescue harness and he was hoisted up to the helicopter. The victim was flown to Big Bear Airport, treated **by San Bernardino County Fire** personnel for complaints of pain and released to his guardian.

Hikers are encouraged to always be prepared when hiking in the mountains, higher altitudes or the high desert. No matter the weather, anticipate the unexpected and pack the appropriate clothes for snow, cold and rain

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2 injured, 37 displaced after blaze at Victorville apartments

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel battle a blaze at an apartment building in Victorville Wednesday afternoon. Two residents were injured and 37 were left displaced, officials said. [Paola Baker, Daily Press]

VICTORVILLE — Almost 40 residents were left displaced after a blaze tore through an apartment building here Wednesday afternoon, officials said.

Reported just before 3 p.m., the fire erupted inside an apartment at the Rodeo Drive Meadows Apartments in the 14000 block Rodeo Drive. Two residents were injured and Red Cross was requested to assist 37 displaced residents, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** Battalion Chief Joshua Sprague said.

Firefighters were initially dispatched to the blaze at 3:02 p.m., Sprague said. The fire was reported to be coming from Apartment 206, in the “B” building.

“The first engine was on scene within four minutes and reported heavy fire and smoke from the [front side] of the building, so we requested a second-alarm response,” Sprague said.

As firefighters rushed to the building, they received reports that subjects were trapped inside. But Sprague said a search quickly determined that all apartments were cleared and no one was trapped.

A woman who lived in the apartment that caught fire was injured after she fell while evacuating the building, Sprague said. Another person also reported smoke inhalation injuries. They were both taken to local hospitals for treatment.

Firefighters successfully rescued a cat and a dog from inside the building. Both were unharmed, but Sprague said another dog remains missing. No other injuries were reported.

With two ladder trucks, four engines, two truck companies, and two battalion chiefs, firefighters quickly got a handle on the blaze, containing it to the “B” building before further spread. The fire was doused by 3:46 p.m., Sprague said.

“With the ladder truck we can get our guys up there on the roof and get the fire out quicker,” Sprague said. Southern California Edison crews arrived to secure power in the building, Sprague said. The “B” building was red-tagged, with a representative from the city’s Building & Safety office left to determine if the building would be uninhabitable.

Sprague said two fire investigators responded to the blaze, which remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20171011/2-injured-37-displaced-after-blaze-at-victorville-apartments>

County Fire battles large blaze in El Mirage

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San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel battled a blaze that engulfed several trailers in the 4600 block of El Mirage Road Wednesday morning. [Photo courtesy of William Recinos]

EL MIRAGE — Firefighters battled a blaze that erupted here early Wednesday morning. Reported just before 10:30 a.m., **San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel arrived and found several trailers up in flames in the 4600 block of El Mirage Road, according to County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin.

It took over two hours to get the blaze under control, and County Fire Battalion Chief Joshua Sprague said a marijuana grow was found inside.

Scanner traffic reported several explosions and downed power lines at the location. A tweet from County Fire said a “large smoke column” was visible from the blaze, and firefighters were in attack mode.

“Due to the amount of fire involved and lack of water supply in the area, we brought out water tenders to support fire suppression,” Sherwin said. County Fire resources from Phelan, Oak Hills, Helendale, and Adelanto were also requested.

According to scanner traffic, the downed power lines were secured around 11:30 a.m. Sprague said a HazMat team was requested after a vat filled with diesel was found in one of the trailers, which hampered firefighters’ progress.

With the assistance of a crash truck brought in from Southern California Logistics Airport, firefighters were able to mitigate the fuel fire quickly and safely, Sherwin said.

Firefighters were called back to the scene at around 5:30 after reports of another blaze at the same location were received. Sherwin said it was due to “rekindling” from embers left from the earlier fire. Scanner traffic reported it was quickly handled by units on scene.

San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department officials responded to investigate the found marijuana grow, but no further details were available Wednesday.

No injuries were reported due to the blaze, which remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20171011/county-fire-battles-large-blaze-in-el-mirage>

Jeep rolled over on old woman springs road Wednesday morning

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A woman who said she fell asleep at the wheel overturned her Jeep at about 7:20 this morning. County Fire Battalion Chief Mike Snow said she was driving northbound on Old Woman Springs Road near Buena Suerte when the Jeep drifted over to the side of the road and hit a chain link fence. The driver lost control and the Jeep flipped over. Both occupants were out of the vehicle when firefighters arrived; they were taken to Hi-Desert Medical Center for evaluation.

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