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1 killed in California plane crash; 3 people in home escape

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(CNN) A small airplane crashed into a residence in a Southern California city, leaving the pilot dead. Three people inside the home, including an infant, made it to safety, officials said.

"A single-engine Cirrus SR22 crashed under unknown circumstances into a house on West 115th Street in Upland," FAA spokesperson Ian Gregor confirmed. Upland is 20 miles west of San Bernardino.

San Bernardino County Fire Department spokesman David Pingree told CNN affiliate KCAL that two adults and the child were able to get out of the home on Thursday morning.

The sole occupant of the four-seat plane died, according to fire officials.

The airplane was flying from Torrance to Cable Airport in Upland.

The fire was brought under control, official said.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/07/us/southern-california-airplane-crash/index.html>

Plane crashes into Southern California home, killing pilot

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A single-engine airplane flew into a home in California on Thursday morning, killing the pilot in a fiery crash.

A single-engine airplane flew into a home in California on Thursday morning, killing the pilot in a fiery crash.

The pilot was the only passenger on the airplane that crashed into the Upland home, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, which responded to a call about the fire at 11 a.m. Since then, the fire department said it has accounted for all residents of the home and gotten the fire under control.

“It’s unbelievably lucky,” Capt. Marcelo Blanco, of the Upland Police Department, said. “The way this plane went down and where...it landed right in their living room. We got their pet hamster out. The dog’s still missing.”

San Bernardino County Fire said that a father and his 18-month-old baby escaped the blaze.

The plane was a Cirrus SR-22, a small plane known for its parachute system, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The pilot died despite the airplane’s parachute deploying, Marcelo said.

Blanco noted that there the burning carbon fiber from the plane could pose a hazardous materials danger, but the San Bernardino County Fire Department said that exposure had been mitigated.

The Upland Police Department is investigating the scene in conjunction with the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/plane-crashes-southern-california-home-killing-pilot/story?id=66832277>

Pilot Killed After Small Plane Crashes Into House In Upland, Sparks Large Fire

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Nov. 7, 2019. (CBS2)

UPLAND (CBSLA) – A pilot was killed but no one on the ground was hurt after a small plane careened into a home in Upland Thursday morning, sparking a fire in the process.

At around 11 a.m., a single-engine four-seat Cirrus SR22 slammed into a home in the area of Mountain Avenue and West 15th Street. San Bernardino County and Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department crews arrived on scene to find heavy flames.

Aerial footage over the scene showed a large portion of the home completely charred. The plane had a built-in safety parachute that was seen hanging over a nearby tree.

The pilot and sole occupant is presumed to have died in the wreck, the fire department confirmed in a news briefing.

“The only fatality we can confirm is the pilot of the airplane,” Upland police Capt. Marcelo Blanco said at a Thursday afternoon media briefing. “We can’t confirm the identity of the pilot because of how the wreckage is.”

A couple and their baby who were inside the home at the time of the crash safely escaped unhurt, **San Bernardino County Fire** spokesman David Pingree said.

Firefighters were also able to keep the flames from spreading to surrounding homes.

“So any time a plane goes down, obviously fuel is a concern...initial responding crews did an awesome job of controlling that, you can see there’s no extension into either structure on either side,” Pingree said.

The exact circumstances that lead up to the crash were not immediately known. Officials are unsure if the parachute fully deployed, Pingree disclosed.

“I heard a large scrape as if something was scraping against the cement, and then an immediate boom,” said Gerald, who shot cell phone video of the flames engulfing the home. “I ran into the backyard here where I’m staying with friends...it was flames over the top of the roof from across the street.”

The crash occurred less than a mile from the privately-owned Cable Airport. It was unclear if the plane took off from that airport before the crash.

The Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the cause of the crash.

“This airplane does have a safety parachute, obviously that’s going to be still under investigation by NTSB, what transpired right before the plane came down on the house,” Blanco said.

One woman said it’s the third time she’s seen a plane go down in the nearly three decades she’s lived in the area.

“I’ve lived here 29 years and this is the third crash that’s been here,” she said. “I wasn’t home the other two times.”

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2019/11/07/small-plane-crashes-upland-house-fire-san-bernadino-county/>

Pilot dies when plane crashes into SoCal home; 2 in home escape

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UPLAND, Calif. -- A pilot was killed when they crashed an airplane into a home in Upland, a city in San Bernardino County, Thursday morning.

A man and his baby were able to escape the house unscathed, KTLA reports.

San Bernardino County Fire Department reported the crash around 11:15 a.m. The collision sparked a fire and caved in a large section of the house's roof. A crumpled parachute was found nearby.

Authorities confirmed the pilot was killed and that he was alone aboard a single-engine, Cirrus SR22, but did not share further details about the person's identity.

KTLA's Sky5 flew over the house as crews continued working on the home. Smoke was still rising from the black, charred remains of the structure at noon.

The house was directly in line with the runway of Cable Airport, a small regional airfield. The plane crashed about a mile away from the airport.

<https://fox5sandiego.com/2019/11/07/watch-live-aircraft-crashes-into-san-bernardino-county-home/>

Officials respond to reports of aircraft down in San Bernardino County

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UPLAND, Calif. - The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** is investigating reports of an aircraft down in the Upland area.

Crews are currently on scene of a residential fire in the area of Overland Ct. and Wedgewood Ave. It appears a single story family home is fully engulfed in flames.

The fire department says initial reports came in to them as an aircraft that went down into the house. The fire department has confirmed one person to be on the plane, their condition is not known. Officials say the residents of the home were able to evacuate safely.

A hazardous materials team has been requested to the scene.

<https://www.ktvu.com/news/officials-respond-to-reports-of-aircraft-down-in-san-bernardino-county>

Small Plane Crash Sparks CA House Fire

Nancy Dillon, Firehouse

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San Bernardino County, CA. firefighters battled a blaze Thursday at a single-story Upland home after a small airplane reportedly crashed into it.

San Bernardino County firefighters responded to the blaze after a single-engine airplane reportedly crashed into an Upland home, engulfing it in flames.

The pilot of a single-engine plane died Thursday after crashing into a house in Upland, CA, and setting the residence ablaze with three people inside, officials said.

The people on the ground, including a young child, safely evacuated as part of the roof collapsed and flames erupted from the wreckage, police in the city about 30 miles east of Los Angeles said.

The Cirrus SR22 had just taken off from Cable Airport in Upland when it dropped from the sky shortly before 11 a.m. California time, according to the Daily Bulletin.

San Bernardino County Firefighters raced to the scene and contained the blaze before it could spread to nearby houses.

Police said a “safety parachute” was visible at the back of the plane, and it will be up to federal investigators to figure out what happened.

“We don’t have any information as far as the identity of the pilot because of how the wreckage is. We’ll have to wait for the NTSB and the coroner’s office,” Upland Police Capt. Marcelo Blanco told reporters at the scene.

<https://www.firehouse.com/operations-training/news/21113608/small-plane-crash-sparks-upland-ca-house-fire-san-bernardino-county-firefighters>

Hillside Fire wreaks havoc on North San Bernardino homes

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A collaborative effort was made by members of San Bernardino County Fire Station 76 and Ontario Station 7, as debris was removed and flames extinguished, from the fallen roof on the 100 block of Viento Street, in the Hillside Fire, on Halloween. A chimney is all the remains of the home, during the devastating fire.

At approximately 1 a.m., on Halloween, a vegetation fire broke out on Old Waterman Canyon, near Highway 18, and eventually consumed about 200 acres and several homes before it was contained.

With low humidity, the wind-swept fire grew with intensity, as it encroached on neighborhoods in North San Bernardino.

Residents warned each other of the imminent danger and many were mandatorily evacuated.

According to the San Bernardino National Forest Information Center, six homes were destroyed, and 18 homes were damaged.

During the fire, roads were closed between Highway 18 and 40th Street, in San Bernardino.

The San Bernardino County Department of Forestry, **San Bernardino County Fire**, the San Bernardino Police Department, Rialto Fire, Colton Fire and other fire agencies assisted with the fire.

It was noted that one firefighter had to receive medical attention due to smoke inhalation.

A home on Viento Street was completely devastated by the fire.

A team from San Bernardino County Fire Station 76 and Ontario Station 137, including Jesse Sparks, Capt. Marc Albright, engineer Blake Humbles, and firefighters Victor Lopez and Cory Santo were mopping up, the rear of a home on the 100 block of Viento Street.

In the process, flames were visible from a gas leak, from the home on Viento.

“We have to keep the gas line on,” said county firefighter Jesse Sparks. “We kept it burning so we know where it is. If we put it out, the fumes would spread, and that wouldn’t be a good thing.”

Sparks was tearing apart what was left of the roof of the home, which was now on the ground.

“You see where the smoke is rising, and you remove the debris to extinguish the flames,” said Sparks.

As the various fire agencies were mopping up the fire at the homes in North San Bernardino, a DC-10 and a DC-9 were combating the fire from the air.

When the fixed-wing air support was aloft, the two planes, took turns in making calculated drops of fire retardant in the fire zone, along the hillsides in the affected zone.

Spotter planes were surveying the area, directing the air support to their targeted areas.

https://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/hillside-fire-wreaks-havoc-on-north-san-bernardino-homes/article_58434c48-0192-11ea-bdbf-77ae99f28155.html

Fire burns single-family home, one woman treated on scene

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Redlands firefighters responded to a structure fire in a single-story home Sunday night, Nov. 3. One person was treated on the scene for smoke inhalation.

Crews arrived in the 900 block of East Brockton Avenue shortly before 9:30 p.m. Sunday to find heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear of the single-family residence. The fire was extinguished in about 25 minutes. Crews remained on scene for approximately two hours and 45 minutes. In addition to Redlands firefighters, three firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to the blaze.

The home was occupied and the family was able to escape safely prior to firefighters' arrival. A female resident complained of possible smoke inhalation.

She was treated at the scene and declined transport to a hospital.

Damage was estimated at \$250,000 to the property and approximately \$35,000 to contents of the home.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/fire-burns-single-family-home-one-woman-treated-on-scene/article_b2f17734-019f-11ea-9692-b752af9bfb37.html

Rimforest Fire Destroys Two Homes

Zev Blumenfeld, Mountain News

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Two homes were destroyed in the Rimforest fire on Nov. 4.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, flames engulfed the house at 1231 Scenic Way in Rimforest.

Lesli Beeman was watching television at her home in Rimforest when a commotion from outside drew her attention.

“I turned my TV down and I heard a big boom,” Beeman said. “Somebody on the street nearby yelled, ‘Call 9-1-1, the house is on fire.’”

Beeman walked to the front door and saw people running. She hurried back down the hallway to her bedroom and saw the house upslope from her engulfed in fire.

“I looked out my window and everything was orange and then I felt the wall and it was warm. It was hot,” Beeman said.

To prevent any embers from reaching her home, neighbors ran up Beeman’s steps to the second floor, climbed the banister and hoisted themselves onto the roof. They dispersed water onto the roof, to prevent embers from igniting a fire.

“If they didn’t do that, our house would have burned up because there were so many embers,” Beeman recalled.

In fifteen minutes, she had managed to evacuate from the home with her daughter, their four cats and dog. Soon after they had fled, the balcony from the home upslope collapsed, tumbling downhill towards Beeman’s residence. It was stopped by a tree before crossing into her yard.

When responders from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) arrived, flames were coming out of every door and window. The structure was deemed “fully involved.”

“The survivability profile was zero, which means there’s no chance anybody is alive inside,” said San Bernardino County Fire Chief, Anthony Repoza.

Initially, firefighters attempted to attach a hose to the hydrant closest to the Scenic Way property, however, it was too hot for the engineer to handle.

“The guys were getting burned trying to catch that hydrant, so we had to bring (water) in, from 1,000 feet away,” Repoza continued.

Crews attempted to protect the neighboring homes, but the close proximity of the structures and high heat from the fire overtook a house next to the first. The blaze ripped through bedrooms and into the attic of the second home as firefighters established their hose lines between the second home and a third to prevent further spreading. Firefighters deemed the second structure unsafe to enter.

“The electricity to the home was cut, which had earlier been hindering further extinguishing the fire,” said San Bernardino Fire Battalion Chief, Jason Serrano. “One of our other big concerns when we arrived on scene was the amount of ember cast that was happening.”

Protecting the environment around the home quickly became the focus of the night. Firelines were drawn as firefighters tore out foliage from around the west side of the home.

A gas line had been hit in the first house, requiring assistance from the Southern California Gas Company. Firefighters kept their hoses targeted on the surrounding vegetation to prevent any flare-up while the members from the Southern California Gas Company dug into the ground towards the gas line.

At 11:26 p.m., the gas line had been severed from the property and firefighters extinguished the remaining flames.

Two engine companies were left overnight to monitor hot spots in the area. During the following day, the homes were torn down to mitigate any further hazard to the public.

Joe Lopez, the owner of the second house, was at church when he received a text about the fire.

“I thought he was joking or something,” Lopez said. “I’ve been in this house for almost four years. I fixed it up and everything. When I bought it, I replaced (and) remodeled everything,” Lopez said. “We lost everything. I don’t know where to go from here.”

Lopez rented the bottom two stories of his home to a couple who were at home when the fire began. The renters fled from the home without grabbing any of their belongings. The sheriff’s department confirmed that there were no injuries and all occupants were safely evacuated from the structures. At the time of print, the cause of the fire had not been determined.

“This incident could have been much worse,” Serrano said. “We’re fortunate (that) we didn’t have high winds. We’re fortunate that everybody got out.”

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_bea2d5d4-0184-11ea-a261-6b40ddf8d072.html

Person found dead in Summit Valley area of Hesperia

Hugo Valdez, Victor Valley News Group

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Sheriff's deputies and a detective at the scene of the investigation. (Photo Dallas Dunn, for Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Authorities are investigating after a person was found dead in Hesperia Thursday morning.

At about 9:00 am on November 7, 2019, dispatch received reports of a man down in the area of Summit Valley Road and Las Flores Road.

San Bernardino County Fire arrived on scene and pronounced a person dead at the scene.

Hesperia sheriff's station spokesman Edgar Moran said the investigation is ongoing and information is limited.

Moran confirmed a deceased person was located in that area, however, he did not have any other circumstances surrounding the call.

<https://www.vvng.com/person-found-dead-in-summit-valley-area-of-hesperia/>