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## Two people are hurt in two-vehicle collision in Fontana on Jan. 10

Mike Meyers, Fontana Herald News

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A traffic collision involving this Nissan Xterra took place in Fontana on Jan. 10. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

Two people were hurt when an SUV collided with the trailer of a semi-truck in the southwestern portion of Fontana on Jan. 10.

The California Highway Patrol and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the incident in the 14000 block of San Bernardino Avenue at about 6:29 p.m.

A female passenger in a 2001 black Nissan Xterra was treated at the scene for complaints of chest pain and was transported to a local hospital. The male driver complained of pain to his arm, but declined medical treatment.

According a CHP officer, the driver of the big rig was leaving an industrial site on the the north side of San Bernardino to go southbound on Almond Avenue.

The driver of the Xterra was traveling eastbound in the No. 2 lane of San Bernardino and collided with the back part of the trailer.

The driver of the semi-truck came to a stop on Almond and was cooperating with the investigation, which is being handled by the CHP.

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## Woman killed, 4 injured in Victorville crash

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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A woman was killed in a crash on Village Drive in Victorville Thursday. A man and three children were also injured in the crash. [Martin Estacio, Daily Press]

Father and three children hospitalized after Village Drive collision Thursday night.

VICTORVILLE — A woman was killed and four others were injured in a crash Thursday evening.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials are still investigating the crash, which occurred at the intersection of Village Drive and Eto Camino Road at 5:53 p.m. Thursday.

The crash occurred when a woman in a white Kia Optima headed west on Eto Camino Road turned onto Village Drive, directly in front of a tan GMC Yukon SUV headed north, according to Deputy Adam Hylin. The Kia was then "broad-sided" by the SUV, Hylin said. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Several nearby residents said they heard the impact from the crash. Regina Gutierrez, who lives near the intersection, said she was pulling out of her driveway and heard a "boom" that she initially thought was a gunshot.

A second "boom" and the sight of cars swerving made her realize it was a crash, Gutierrez said. She immediately got out of her car and used her phone's flashlight to direct traffic before anyone else got hurt.

"Cars were still driving by, and I was afraid the [SUV] would get hit again," Gutierrez said.

A man and his three children were in the SUV. Gutierrez helped get the man, who she said was in shock and "couldn't feel his leg," out of the SUV and onto a nearby curb.

"He just kept saying 'I don't know what happened, I was just going straight, I was just going straight,'" Gutierrez said.

The man and children were all taken to a local hospital for treatment. They were expected to survive, Hylin said.

The identity of the woman is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next of kin.

Village Drive was closed between Tawney Ridge Lane and Puesta Del Sol Drive for the investigation. Hylin said the closure was expected to last roughly four to six hours.

Alcohol or drugs are not believed to be factors in the crash, but "we're still looking into speed," Hylin said.

The crash remains under investigation by the Victorville Sheriff's Station Major Accident Investigation Team.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Victorville Sheriff's Station at 760-241-2911. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can contact the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or online at [www.WeTip.com](http://www.WeTip.com).

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190110/woman-killed-4-injured-in-victorville-crash>

## Woman killed in crash on Village Drive in Victorville Thursday Night

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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(Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A two-vehicle crash claimed the life of a woman on Village Drive in Victorville Thursday night.

The traffic accident was reported at 5:54 p.m. near the intersection of Eto Camino Road and Village Drive.

**San Bernardino County Fire** personnel arrived on scene and located the two vehicles, a white 2008 Kia Optima and a silver 2005 Yukon GMC SUV with heavy damage in the roadway.

A female driver of a white Kia Optima was pronounced deceased on scene, she was the only passenger in that vehicle.

Four other people from the SUV suffered minor to major injuries. One person from the SUV was airlifted to a trauma center.

Regina Gutierrez, a nearby resident who helped the victims until first responders arrived, told Victor Valley News that two children were amongst those injured.

Gutierrez said she's had several close encounters while driving on Village Drive.

"It's dangerous at night because it's so dark," stated Gutierrez. "The other night I was almost t-boned by a car on this street that didn't have their headlights on. We need more lighting."

Through investigation, deputies determined that the white Kia Optima was driving west on Eto Camino Road and the silver GMC Yukon was driving north on Village Drive. The driver of the Kia crossed the northbound lanes of Village Drive in the path of the oncoming GMC. The GMC collided with the driver side of the Kia, causing major damage to both vehicles.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is urged to contact the Victorville Police Department at (760) 245-2911.

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## SAVE cards offer immediate aid to victims of catastrophic loss in San Bernardino County

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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In addition to putting out fires, local firefighters provide comfort to families who experience catastrophic loss by offering immediate financial assistance through SAVE gift cards. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

A young family stands helplessly at the curb as firefighters battle a blaze that has engulfed their home. They're alive, but heartsick as they watch their life and memories go up in flames before their eyes.

As the first responders, it is firefighters who are called upon to provide comfort to such a family on the worst day of their lives. Now, a partnership which began this past July called Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency (SAVE) allows firefighters to help those victims take the first step toward healing.

Funded by the California Fire Foundation through private donations, SAVE lets incident commanders on scene of a disaster offer immediate financial assistance to victims who suffer a substantial property loss.

"When someone loses their home in a fire or disaster, they're sometimes only left with the clothes on their back -- they don't know where to turn," said San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters Local 935 President Jim Grigoli. "As **San Bernardino County firefighters**, we're in a unique position to offer a little extra assistance to victims of fire or disaster in the communities we serve."

Under the innovative program, all S.B. County Fire battalion chiefs carry \$100 Mastercard SAVE gift cards on calls that threaten significant property damage. If the property loss is judged to be greater than 25 percent of total value, the chief is authorized to immediately issue a SAVE card to the individual or family affected by the disaster. At a time when victims may have lost credit cards, IDs and other essentials, the SAVE card allows them to purchase medicine, a hot meal, clothing or maybe a place to stay the night.

"Our job as firefighters requires that we have a personal investment in the outcome of every call -- we want to be there to provide whatever support we can for disaster victims," said Fire Chief Mark Hartwig. "We can't restore all that they have lost, but a SAVE card can help victims feel less alone during that first 24 hours of the difficult process of recovery."

The SAVE program was developed in partnership with the California Fire Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation dedicated to providing comfort and support to fallen firefighter families and the communities they protect. The California Fire Foundation continues to raise funds and seek additional sponsorships to bring SAVE cards to more communities and, eventually, increase the face value of the cards.

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District is a multi-hazard response agency, providing professional fire, rescue and EMS service, as well as fire prevention, investigation, public education and household hazardous waste disposal. Specialty programs within the agency include training, wildland fire suppression (hand crews, dozer operations, etc.), helicopter-rescue/firefighting/transport, Hazmat emergency response,

technical rescue (USAR) and escalated threat (terrorism, etc.). The agency also features a Type 3 incident management team, comprising County Fire members who assemble to manage major incidents.

San Bernardino County Fire operates 67 fire stations, including 49 with full-time career firefighters. It is the largest fire district in the United States, covering an area of 19,278 square miles and a population over 1 million. County Fire serves rural communities, towns and larger cities (including Fontana), responding to 166,544 calls countywide in 2017.

“Firefighters do what we do because of a desire to serve,” said Brian K. Rice, chair of the California Fire Foundation and a retired Sacramento Metro firefighter with more than three decades of service. “By offering SAVE cards to those who have lost so much, San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters Local 935 and San Bernardino County Fire are able to continue providing comfort and support after the fire is out.”

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## **Paraglider Dies After Striking Mountainside**

**Heidi Fron, Mountain News**

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Heidi Fron

A paraglider died Jan. 4, after she struck the mountain below the Crestline Hang Glider and Paraglider Launch. Lua Pepper, 44 of San Bernardino, was confirmed dead at 8:55 p.m., according to the coroner of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

A witness called 911 at 5:14 p.m. on Friday to report that after the paraglider launched, she had struck the mountainside below the 900 block of Playground Drive near Summit Drive and Valley View Drive. Witnesses were not able to get to her and could see no signs of movement.

**San Bernardino County Fire** units ME25 and MA25 responded along with Search and Rescue team members. Collectively, they scoured the rocky mountainside to locate the collision site. They found Pepper, who was confirmed dead at 8:55 p.m.

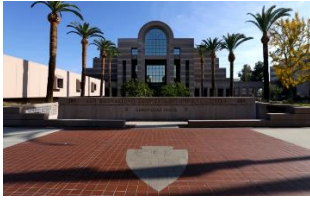
The coroner's press release stated that the Twin Peaks Sheriff's Station is investigating the circumstances of the accident.

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## Here's how shutdown is hitting San Bernardino County government

Sandra Emerson, Daily Bulletin

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The San Bernardino County Government Center in San Bernardino on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. (Photo by Jennifer Cappuccio Maher, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

While San Bernardino County currently has enough funding for programs affected by the partial federal government shutdown, that could change if the freeze lingers into next month, County Chief Executive Officer Gary McBride told the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Most county programs that use federal money are funded through the end of September, McBride said, though the programs that aren't affect a lot of people. These include programs such as CalFresh, CalWorks and funding for women, infants and children.

"The theme here is there's enough cash on hand that we're probably going to get most of the programs through another month or so. (After that), then things are going to start to become critical," McBride said.

The partial shutdown started in December, after the House of Representatives refused to give President Donald Trump \$5.6 billion to build a wall along the southern border.

Most departments and essential services are continuing as usual, but an estimated 800,000 federal employees are either on furlough or working without pay during the shutdown. Some federal services — ranging from food inspection to services at federal parks to housing vouchers — have been suspended.

Broadly speaking, the departments of Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, Energy, Labor, Education and Defense continue to be funded, McBride said. Not funded, however, are the departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Agriculture, Treasury, Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency.

A questionnaire has been sent to departments in San Bernardino County to get a better idea of how they might be affected, and how to move forward come February, when funds run out, McBride said.

There also could be a spike in the number of federal workers seeking medical coverage, adding to the workload in some of the county's programs and possibly the medical center.

Lastly, McBride said, the county will work with the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector to ensure their cash flow isn't affected if state and federal grant funding is delayed.

"The short answer is we're okay for now," he said. "But we'll be back to you with probably a more detailed report if this doesn't get resolved. Because, come a month from now, it could be a different story."

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2019/01/10/heres-how-shutdown-is-hitting-san-bernardino-county-government/>