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## 'No Threat' From Tanker Train Derailment North Of San Bernardino; Buildings Nearby Evacuated

Ken Vincent, KVCR News

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A tank train derailed Tuesday morning near Cajon Blvd. and Devore Rd. Authorities say there is no immediate threat to the area, but there are road closures around the area, and nearby buildings are being evacuated out of caution.

Credit Twitter/@SanBernardinoPD

A tanker train derailment north of San Bernardino Tuesday morning (8/21) has prompted a big public safety response - including evacuations - but, so far, no injuries reported.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department says that between 9 and 10am this morning (Tuesday), 13 tank cars went off the rails in a location half-way up The Hill, on the south side of Cajon Pass, between the northern corner of the San Bernardino city limits and the southern side of the Cajon Pass summit.

The Associated Press reports at least two of the tankers are leaking a liquid substance, and efforts are still underway to identify what product the train was carrying. The San Bernardino Sun reports that the San Bernardino Police Department tweeted that its believed that a gas-and-alcohol based liquid was leaking from three of the derailed tanks.

Sbsun.com reports that a check by a hazardous materials team said there was no danger, “no threat to the community.” Nevertheless, out of caution, San Bernardino police shut down Cajon Boulevard and began evacuating nearby buildings including the FedEx center. Glen Helen Parkway was also closed in the area, police said. Transients in the nearby riverbed were also moved to a safer location. And a school about 3 to 4 miles away, Paakuma’ K-8 School, was sheltering in place, out of precaution.

<http://www.kvcrnews.org/post/no-threat-tanker-train-derailment-north-san-bernardino-buildings-nearby-evacuated>

## Train derailment prompts evacuations, but ‘no threat to the community’

Staff Writer, Daily Press

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This aerial image taken from video provided by K-ABC, shows a freight train derailment in San Bernardino. The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department says 13 tanks went off the rails on the south side of the Cajon Pass. [Image courtesy of K-ABC]

**SAN BERNARDINO** — Thirteen tanker cars went off the rails near Cajon Boulevard on Tuesday, and some leaked an unknown substance, but authorities said there were no injuries and no threat to residents and businesses.

The freight train derailment near the 7200 block of Cajon Boulevard, just south of the Interstate 15/215 interchange, prompted precautionary evacuations of several nearby buildings and a homeless camp along a riverbed in San Bernardino.

A gas- and alcohol-based liquid leaked from three tanker cars, but officials did not immediately identify the substance. An initial check by a hazardous-materials team said there was “no threat to the community,” the San Bernardino Police Department said in a tweet.

Crews had mitigated the leaks and the substances were positively identified as of 3:27 p.m.

Surface streets were closed, but I-215 just north of the accident site was open. Both Cajon Boulevard and Glen Helen Parkway were close while crews attended to the scene. There were no mandatory evacuations of any homes in the area.

Investigators will try to determine what caused the derailment at the foot of the southern side of the Cajon Pass.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20180821/train-derailment-prompts-evacuations-but-no-threat-to-community>

## Hazmat Crews Attempting to ID and Stop Leak from Train Derailment

Staff Writer, 247 Headline

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**UPDATE:** (2-21-18 3:30 p.m.) Leaks have been mitigated and substances positively identified with no threat to the community. Glen Helen Pkwy open to thru traffic. Cajon Blvd. open to employees and residents only due to emergency equip on the boulevard.

**SAN BERNARDINO** – A train derailment in San Bernardino caused several roads and a FedEx facility to be shut down for the remainder of the day.

On Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at around 9:20 a.m. numerous reports of a train derailment were made. It was reported that the derailment was in the area of the 7200 block of Cajon Boulevard. Several agencies responded to the scene including the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, San Bernardino Police Department, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. When the units arrived they found a freight train with thirteen tanker cars that had derailed.

Although there was no active fire or a visible vapor cloud, a 1000 foot radius was placed around the incident scene. Around 200 workers from the FedEx facility on Cajon Boulevard were evacuated from the property for the day. HazMat Specialists are working to control any leaks from at least two of the tankers. At this time they have tentatively identified the substances involved but confirmation is still pending. No detectable levels of any hazardous substance have been detected in nearby areas. No injuries have been reported to civilians or emergency responders.

San Bernardino Police officials said that no leaking material has reached storm drains or waterways Hazmat crews have made identification of the leaking materials and stopping the leak their priority at this time. There are no mandatory evacuations of residents, but road closures may prevent some from accessing their home temporarily. Plans are being worked on in order to grant residents access to their homes.

Road closures include Cajon Blvd. between Devore Rd. and Kendall Dr. as well as Glen Helen Parkway between Cajon Blvd. and Clearwater Parkway.

<https://247headline.com/hazmat-crews-attempting-to-id-and-stop-leak-from-train-derailment/>

## No threat to public reported after 13 train tanker cars derail in San Bernardino

Beatriz E. Valenzuela, Richard K. DeAtley, Brian Rokos, SB Sun

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Railroad officials inspect a derailment at the base of the Cajon Pass in Devore Tuesday, August 21, 2018. Thirteen tanker cars derailed near Cajon Blvd and Devore Rd causing the evacuation of Fed Ex distribution center. A perimeter of 1,000 feet of was created by officials as a precautionary reason. Cause of the derailment of the south bound freight train is under investigation. Train traffic in the area has been suspended. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Thirteen tanker cars rolled off railroad tracks in San Bernardino near the Cajon Pass on Tuesday morning, prompting the evacuation of several buildings and causing at least one school to shelter in place, authorities said.

No injuries were reported, and there was no fire. In addition to the 13 tanker cars, one boxcar derailed in the 7200 block of Cajon Boulevard. BNSF Railway spokeswoman Lena Kent did not immediately know how many cars in total were on the train.

There were leaks from two tank cars that were plugged by mid-afternoon, Kent said. One tanker leaked petroleum distillate, Kent said, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention described as a colorless liquid with a gasoline-type odor that can irritate eyes, noses and throats and cause dizziness, drowsiness, headache, nausea and cracked skin.

The other tanker leaked detergent, Kent said.

Neither leak was a threat to the community, said Eric Sherwin, a spokesman for the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**. An evacuation area of 1,000 feet in diameter from the crash site was imposed out of an abundance of caution, he said.

There was no timeline for reopening the three tracks that were closed. Cars have to be offloaded and tracks must be repaired, Kent said. The cause of the derailment was under investigation.

The public is likely to notice other trains backed up waiting to pass the accident scene, Kent said.

BNSF owns the tracks that are also used by Amtrak. There were no service advisories on the Amtrak website for Tuesday's incident.

A nearby FedEx distribution center was evacuated shortly after the derailment and officials said it would stay closed Tuesday.

There was no post-crash fire after the derailment according to Eric Sherwin.

The 215 Freeway just north of the accident site was open to traffic in both directions.

Glen Helen Parkway was closed shortly after the derailment, but it was re-opened to traffic by mid-afternoon. At the same time, Cajon Boulevard, initially closed between Devore Road and Kendall Drive, was opened to employees of businesses in the area and residents with identification.

Transients in a nearby riverbed were also moved to a safer location.

Police urged people to stay out of the area. In addition to police and San Bernardino County Fire, San Bernardino Unified School District officials were at the scene along with officials from BNSF.

Paakuma' K-8 School at 17825 Sycamore Creek Loop Parkway, sheltered in place as a precaution due to the train derailment, said Maria Garcia, a spokeswoman for the district.

The school is about three to four miles from the site. School officials said students were not in danger but would remain indoors Tuesday. Children were released from class on the normal schedule.

The Devore Animal Shelter, about three miles southeast of the tanker crash, also remained open. Three dogs who lived in the evacuation area were dropped off at the county shelter, county spokeswoman C.L. Lopez said. Kevin Bevins of Apple Valley was on his way to work, driving on Cajon Boulevard. He did not see the actual derailment, but said he noticed, "A big cloud of dust."

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2018/08/21/train-derailment-reported-in-cajon-pass-evacuations-of-neary-building-underway/>

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## **Train derailment occurs in Devore on Aug. 21**

**Mike Myers, Fontana Herald News**

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Authorities gather in Devore in response to a train derailment and chemical leak on the morning of Aug. 21. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A train derailment occurred in Devore on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 21, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

No injuries were immediately reported in connection with the incident in the 7200 block of Cajon Boulevard. Authorities evacuated the area around Cajon Boulevard and Devore Road due to a chemical leak. "There is no immediate threat to the area, this is for safety only at this point," the Sheriff's Department said.

HazMat units arrived on scene to take care of the cleanup after two tankers began leaking. Thirteen cars were derailed during the incident.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/train-derailment-occurs-in-devore-on-aug/article\\_0c2c5f0e-a56b-11e8-b875-bb2e810ec389.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/train-derailment-occurs-in-devore-on-aug/article_0c2c5f0e-a56b-11e8-b875-bb2e810ec389.html)