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Lake Arrowhead Fireman's Bonfire — Monday, December 10th

Michael P. Neufeld and Susan A. Neufeld, Rim of the World

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Lake Arrowhead, CA – The annual Fireman's Bonfire and Spark of Love Toy Drive will be held in the parking lot at the Lake Arrowhead Village on Monday, December 10, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Santa Claus will be looking for you when he arrives from the North Pole on a fire engine. He'll spend time with children, as Christmas music fills the chilly night air around the bonfire.

Free hot dogs and hot cocoa will be served, starting at 5:00 p.m., by members of San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters Local 935.

SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE

Firefighters will be on hand, not only to cook the hot dogs, but to accept donations for the Spark of Love Toy Drive.

The Spark of Love Toy Drive collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for under-served children and teens in the mountain communities.

Cash donations will also be accepted.

<https://rotwnews.com/2018/11/26/lake-arrowhead-firemans-bonfire-monday-december-10th/>

Crash on Highway 395 jams traffic, one person injured

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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One person was injured in a crash on Highway 395. A Schneider truck leaked 30 gallons of fuel after the crash. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) — One person sustained injuries in a crash reported just before 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning here on Highway 395.

The collision happened near the intersection of Highway 395 and Air Expressway and involved a black SUV and a Schneider's tractor-trailer truck.

San Bernardino County Fire and AMR, along with deputies from the Victor Valley Sheriff's Station responded and located the SUV with major front-end damage, and the tractor-trailer with damage along the driver side of the cabin and trailer, including its fuel tank.

The fire department reported that nearly 30 gallons of fuel had leaked onto the ground.

The northbound lane was closed at the intersection, but officials allowed motorists to pass on the right shoulder. The southbound lane remained open.

No serious injuries were reported. The Victor Valley Sheriff's Station is investigating the crash.

<https://www.vvng.com/crash-on-highway-395-jams-traffic-one-person-injured/>

Motorist dies in fiery collision on 15 Freeway in Cajon Pass

Brian Rokos, Press Enterprise

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Officials work the scene Saturday of a fatal crash involving a car and a tanker truck on the northbound 15 Freeway in the Cajon Pass. (Photo courtesy Caltrans)

A person was killed on the 15 Freeway in the Cajon Pass on Saturday, Nov. 24, when a tanker truck and another vehicle collided and both caught fire, the California Highway Patrol said.

One of the motorists involved may have been suicidal, officials said.

The incident initially closed the three right northbound lanes south of Oak Hill Road in Hesperia, with traffic passing the collision site in the left lane and the center divider.

The crash was reported at 11:46 a.m., just as a witness was reporting that a light blue Subaru was driving on the right shoulder at a high speed, the CHP log said. Someone called the CHP and said his friend was despondent about a breakup and planned to drive to Hesperia to kill himself, the CHP log said.

Another northbound lane was opened at about 5 p.m., but traffic remained slow Saturday evening. Early Sunday, Caltrans officials tweeted that all lanes were open.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/11/24/motorist-dies-in-fiery-collision-on-15-freeway-in-cajon-pass/>

Wrong way driver killed in fiery crash on pass

Martin Estacio, Daily Press

Posted: November 24, 2018



A man was killed after slamming into a fuel tanker head-on while driving the wrong way on the northbound lanes of Interstate 15 near Oak Hills off ramp on Saturday morning. [Daniel Diaz, Daily Press]

OAK HILLS — A man was killed here Saturday afternoon when his vehicle crashed into a semi truck hauling two tankers loaded with fuel.

The crash, which occurred on northbound Interstate 15 just south of the Oak Hills off ramp, happened at approximately 11:46 a.m. with witnesses reporting a blue Subaru driving at high speeds, according to California Highway Patrol logs.

Witnesses told officials that the vehicle was traveling south in the wrong direction when it struck the semitrailer head-on a minute later.

San Bernardino County Fire and CHP personnel arrived on scene to find the cab of the semi engulfed in flames.

“On arrival, we did find the tractor was well-involved and it was impinging on the first tanker of gasoline,” said County Battalion Chief Kelly Anderson.

Bystanders pulled the truck driver from the burning cab and were tending to him on the shoulder when emergency personnel arrived. The truck driver was transported by ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center with moderate injuries, officials said.

Firefighters were able to knock down the blaze in about 10 minutes, which Anderson said may have prevented further tragedy.

Referring to the tankers of fuel, she said “had those caught fire, that could’ve been pretty catastrophic.” She added that the heat of the fire had ruptured a “basketball-sized hole” in the front tanker before it was extinguished.

The driver of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene. His age and identity were unknown as of Saturday evening.

CHP issued a Sig Alert and closed all lanes, bringing holiday traffic to a standstill for about two hours until lanes were gradually re-opened. The delay snarled traffic for several more hours until all lanes were reopened after 4:30 p.m.

Anderson said a hazmat unit responded to help cleanup the leaked fuel. The trailers will have to be emptied before they can be transported to another location.

The crash is still under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20181124/wrong-way-driver-killed-in-fiery-crash-on-pass>

One dead in crash involving tanker truck on 15 freeway in Hesperia

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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One person was killed in a crash involving a tanker truck Saturday in Hesperia. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — One person is dead following a crash on the 15 freeway that involved a tanker truck and a sedan in Hesperia Saturday.

The California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** were dispatched at about 11:47 a.m. for reports of a silver 2004 Subaru WRX that had crashed with a tanker truck on the northbound 15 Freeway, just south of the Oak Hill Road off-ramp.

When emergency personnel arrived on scene, they located the sedan with major damage and one person deceased inside the vehicle.

The cab of the tanker truck was fully engulfed with fire and flames. The driver of the truck was outside the truck and lying on the shoulder of the freeway surrounded by Good Samaritans.

The CHP incident logs stated that the driver of the blue Subaru was driving at a high-rate-of-speed along the right shoulder of the freeway just before the crash.

Officials issued a Sig-Alert for the incident. All lanes of traffic are closed except for the #1 lane of traffic (AKA the fast lane.)

There is no official word on how long it will take for the freeway to reopen. A Hazmat team has also been called to the scene determine what chemicals the tanker was carrying.

<https://www.vvng.com/one-dead-in-crash-involving-tanker-truck-on-15-freeway-in-hesperia/>