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## Carbon dioxide leak at Cal State San Bernardino causes cancelation of some classes

Mike Cruz, San Bernardino Sun

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A student walks out of the John M. Pfau Library at Cal State San Bernardino. (File photo by John Valenzuela, The Sun)

A carbon dioxide leak caused classes to be canceled Tuesday night in the biology building at Cal State San Bernardino, according to a tweet from the university.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department has since cleared the building, which will re-open at 6 a.m. Wednesday, university spokesman Joe Gutierrez said shortly before 9 p.m. Tuesday.

No injuries were reported, he said. Classes continued to take place on the rest of the campus.

The cause was a container leak, Gutierrez said. More information about the leak was not immediately available.

“The biology building was cleared, and classes were canceled for that building,” Gutierrez said. “It was just that one isolated spot.”

Gutierrez said campus safety was “extremely important.”

“We’re stewards and we have to protect our students, faculty and staff,” he said. Everyone was notified as soon as possible to take the necessary precautions.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/04/17/carbon-dioxide-leak-at-cal-state-san-bernardino-causes-cancelation-of-some-classes/>

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## San Bernardino resident dies in two-vehicle traffic collision in Upland on April 14

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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A 48-year-old San Bernardino resident was killed in a two-vehicle traffic collision in Upland on April 14, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner's Division.

At 4:16 p.m., emergency personnel were sent to the area of 13th Street and Euclid Avenue.

Pandapotan Simamora was declared deceased on scene by **San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel.

The Upland Police Department is investigating the incident.

## Victorville expands fire department recruitment to captains, engineers, firefighters

Staff Writer, Daily Press

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Victorville officials have expanded the recruitment of its City Fire Department by releasing applications for captains, engineers and firefighter/paramedics, [Photo courtesy of the city of Victorville]

VICTORVILLE — Officials have expanded the recruitment of its City Fire Department by releasing applications for captains, engineers and firefighter/paramedics.

The move comes less than a month after the city announced the hiring of Greg Benson, a former fire chief in Illinois with more than 30 years of public safety experience, to lead the department.

Benson, who will officially assume the role next week, is overseeing hiring as the department ramps up to a 64-employee staff.

In February, the city launched the recruitment for a division chief and three battalion chiefs. The process is currently in the testing phase, according to city spokeswoman Sue Jones.

Recruiting occurs as the city pivots away from a 10-year relationship with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** — a change-up that officials have attributed to cost savings and not performance.

Pension costs are a central element to those reported savings, with officials pointing to a County Fire retirement system that figures have shown is more than three times higher per employee than the city's system.

“Victorville is in a very unique position to hit the re-set button on our fire services model for the benefit of our taxpayers,” Deputy City Manager George Harris said in a statement accompanying news of the latest recruitment efforts.

Harris also repeated another city-declared incentive for re-launching their own department, which disbanded in 2008: It expects to save \$3.5 million in the first five years.

The city anticipates completing the transition by the end of the year.

Applications are available on the city's website at [www.victorvilleca.gov](http://www.victorvilleca.gov).

Positions for captains, engineers and firefighter/paramedics will remain open until filled.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180417/victorville-expands-fire-department-recruitment-to-captains-engineers-firefighters>

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## California neighborhood buried in tumbleweeds as the desert winds blow

Scott Sistik, KVAL

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Tumbleweeds bury a home in Victorville, California on April 16, 2018 (Photo courtesy: Cassidee Jeann Dunn)

While the Midwest was digging out from record snowfall, some homeowners in southern California were digging out from...tumbleweeds?

A blast of wind coming in from the nearby desert buried some homes in tumbleweeds in Victorville, Calif. City spokeswoman Sue Jones tells the Daily Press that as many as 150 homes were affected in a neighborhood that faces open desert.

Some homes had tumbleweeds piled as high as the second story. The city and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** sent crews to rake up the weeds and load them into trash trucks.

Weather reports out of the Victorville Airport showed 12 hours of gusty winds with speeds reaching as high as 35-40 mph. A High Wind Warning had been in effect for the region for gusts as high as 65 mph, reported the Victor Valley News.

Tumbleweed invasions in the neighborhood aren't new. A similar event happened in December.

<http://kval.com/news/offbeat/california-neighborhood-buried-in-tumbleweeds-as-the-desert-winds-blow>

## **Tumbleweeds Inundate Southern California Neighborhood**

Staff Writer, CBS SF Bay Area

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) — High winds raking Southern California left one community buried in tumbleweeds.

Residents of Victorville in the high desert northeast of Los Angeles had to call the city for help when tumbleweeds piled up Monday.

Victorville spokeswoman Sue Jones tells the Daily Press that as many as 150 homes were affected in a neighborhood that faces open desert.

Some homes had tumbleweeds piled as high as the second story.

The city and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department sent crews to rake up the weeds and load them into trash trucks.

The gusts trailing a departing storm system are decreasing Tuesday.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2018/04/17/tumbleweeds-inundate-southern-california-neighborhood/>

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