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## Vehicle plunges into lake at Big Bear Dam

Beatriz Valenzuela, Press Enterprise

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California Highway Patrol officers and sheriff's deputies are investigating a crash that sent a vehicle off Highway 18 and into the Big Bear Dam early Wednesday morning, according to the CHP incident log.

The crash was first reported around 6:30 a.m., according to CHP reports.

The vehicle reportedly went off the roadway and down about 50 feet into the water.

**San Bernardino County Fire** officials say at least one person was able to climb out of the vehicle and taken to an area hospital with minor injuries.

CHP and San Bernardino County Sheriff's officials are on scene and are investigating the crash.

[http://www.pe.com/articles/highway-819271-early-big.html?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.pe.com/articles/highway-819271-early-big.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

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## 215 Freeway shut down following crash in San Bernardino; 7 injured

Alejandra Molina, The Press-Enterprise

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SAN BERNARDINO >> A crash on the northbound 215 Freeway injured seven people and forced the closure of several lanes Thursday morning in San Bernardino.

The three-vehicle crash, between 5th Street and Base Line, was reported just before 10:30 a.m., according to a California Highway Patrol traffic log.

**San Bernardino County fire** Capt. Mike McClintock said five patients were taken to the hospital and two were treated at the scene.

One of the seven patients suffered major injuries, he said.

A SigAlert was issued for the number 3, 4, 5, and 6 lanes of the freeway at 10:27 a.m. All lanes reopened by 11 a.m.

[http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20161124/215-freeway-shut-down-following-crash-in-san-bernardino-7-injured?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20161124/215-freeway-shut-down-following-crash-in-san-bernardino-7-injured?source=most_viewed)

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## San Bernardino terror attack first responders honored for bravery

David Downey, The Press-Enterprise

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In this file photo, San Bernardino Police Department Dispatch Supervisor Annie Teall, right, receives an award from Chief Jarrod Burguan as she is honored among several first responders for their bravery during the Dec. 2, 2015 terrorist attack at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino during an awards ceremony April 14 in at San Manuel Amphitheater in San Bernardino. File photo

There were many heroes on Dec. 2.

Multiple honors have been bestowed upon those who rescued and treated victims of the San Bernardino terrorist attack or pursued the perpetrators.

Perhaps most notable, half a dozen law enforcement officers received the state's highest award for valor recently for their role in the fierce firefight on San Bernardino Avenue hours after the attack that ended with concluded in the deaths of shooters Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik.

The six were among eight public safety officers statewide to receive the Medal of Valor from Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris in a September ceremony at the Capitol.

The recipients were Officers Brian Olvera and Nicholas Koahou of the San Bernardino Police Department, Officer Joseph Aguilar of the Redlands Police Department, Deputy Bruce Southworth and Cpls. Chad Johnson and Rafael Ixco of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

"The men we are honoring today exemplify something beyond the ordinary, beyond duty," Brown said. "That is to see something that somebody else needs and to respond, even at the risk of your own life."

Earlier, in February, San Bernardino County District Attorney Mike Ramos presented a department Medal of Valor to Thomas H. Boyles, a senior investigator with the office.

Boyles was working a plainclothes assignment tracking auto thieves on Dec. 2 when he learned of the terrorist attack. He and his partner shifted gears and looked for the suspects. Boyles then joined the shootout.

It was the first such medal to be awarded by the District Attorney's Office.

Other awards and honors

The Helene and Joseph Sherwood Family Prize for Combating Hate, awarded by the Anti-Defamation League in March to several law enforcement agencies:

The San Bernardino Police Department, FBI, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino City Unified School District Police Department, California Highway Patrol, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Attorney's Office and Colton, Fontana, Redlands and Rialto police. The prize was awarded in a ceremony at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles.

San Bernardino city firefighters who responded to the attack were honored at a ceremony in July.

Engineer Ryan Starling was singled out for his service as a member of a SWAT team and the first medic to assess the wounded and dead that day.

An April ceremony at San Manuel Amphitheater in Devore San Bernardino honored 132 officers, deputies and civilian employees. Award recipients, by agency, included:

San Bernardino police: Imran Ahmed, Robert Albright, Frank Alvarez, Matt Block, John Cardillo, Tiffany Emon, Eric Fyvie, Tony Kink, Jennifer Kohrell, Emil Kokesh, Ed Lee, Bryan Lentz, Melvin Lucas, Mike Madden, Stacy Moreno, Serbando Saenz, Joe Shuck, Ryan Starling (SBFD), Robert Sullivan, Equino Thomas, Lane Thompson, Von Verbanic, Vicki Cervantes, Lanier Rogers, Daani-Ruth Svonkin, Chris Flowers, Nathan Barilics, Erick Campos, John Echevarria, George Gabera, Brian Harris, Francisco Hernandez, Jonathan Keil, Brian Lewis, Ron Maass, Brett Murphy, Brian Olivera, Shaun Sandoval, Siobhan Sansone, Donald Sawyer, Josh Simpson, Jason Stack, Robert Snyder, Gerald Walent, Dave Green, Annie Teall, John Vasek, Travis Walker, Gerald Beall, Erick Bennett, Ray Bonshire, Jeff Harvey, Brian Karmann, Nick Koahou, Jose Loera, Scott Murray, Gary Schuelke, Ryan Schuelke and Jose Vasquez.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department: John Amrhein, Al Daniel, Charles Elder, Mike Ells, Mary Jean Higgins, Brad Phillips, JoJo, Joann Quiroz, Thad Riley, Roland Schmiedel, Steve Scovel, Lance Stuart, Robert Whiteside, Tim Branske, Dave Cruz, Albert Ixco, Chad Johnson, Bernabe Ortiz, Bruce Southworth, Eric Trujillo and Shaun Wallen.

San Bernardino County Probation: Richard Brower, William Brown Jr., Paul Castro Jr., Nathan Clark, Michael Del Cid, Nicholas Gonzalez, Topaz Good, John Holmes, Isabel Jaramillo, Gi Kim, Lesley Kink, Jerad Linnell, Oleg Llauro, Alicia Martinez, Robb Myers, Anthony Polino, Kyle Reyes, Nathan Scarano, Juli Schlobohm, Pomposo Urquidies and Samuel Wakentin.

San Bernardino County District Attorney's office: Flerida Alarcon, Tom Boyles.

**San Bernardino County Fire:** Jack Dejong and Eric Sherwin.

California Highway Patrol: Brian Alvarez, William Osegueda, Sean Pomerleau, Thomas Ramos and Mike White.

San Bernardino City Unified School District police: Roberto Jauregui, Robert Arellano, Garrett Riddall, Victor Young and Linda Bardere.

Redlands police: Kelli Bishop, Patrick Estrada, Jenna Heusterberg, Kimberly Howard, Kathryn Ramirez, Ryan Steinhaus, Shayna Walker, Andrew Capps, Daniel Gonzalez, Mathis Knudsen, Jonathan Manly and Joseph Aguilar.

Fontana police: Scott Snyder and Michael Ernes.

Colton police: Robert Wilson, Jaime Ramirez and Joshua Higgins.

Special events, such as the Lucas Oil Off Road Racing Series at Glen Helen in July and Little League Baseball Western Regional Tournament in at San Bernardino's Al Houghton Stadium in August, honored first responders.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20161126/san-bernardino-terror-attack-first-responders-honored-for-bravery>

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## Fire officials warn of holiday decorating fire dangers

Jose Quintero, Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Department officials are warning residents to take caution as Christmas trees and holiday decorations increase the risk of house fires. Associated Press

While filling the home with holiday cheer, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials warn that Christmas trees and holiday decorations also increase the risk of house fires.

According to data from the U.S. Fire Administration, 415 people died and 1,650 were injured nationwide as a result of house fires in December 2015.

Fire officials say the biggest concern during the holidays is natural Christmas trees. Dry Christmas trees generate much more heat than normal furnishings within two minutes.

If using a natural tree, make a fresh cut at the base to open up pores clogged by sap. An average natural tree can consume between a quart and a gallon of water a day. Fire officials warn that if a tree's water level drops below the cut end, a seal will form as the pores will clogged by sap and unable to consume water.

“Choose a sturdy stand that holds at least one gallon of water,” fire officials said. “Rinse the stand with a mixture of one capful of bleach and one cup of water before inserting the tree. This rinsing reduces the growth of microorganisms that can block the tree’s ability to absorb water. If the tree is not going into the house soon after purchase, it should be stored in a bucket of water in a cool place away from wind and sun.”

Place trees away from heat sources, including heating vents, fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, TV sets or sunny windows.

Most importantly, fire officials say never leave a lighted tree unattended and turn off Christmas lights when leaving the house or before going to bed.

Before hanging any electrical decorations, check the equipment for burned-out lights, empty sockets and broken bulbs. Inspect wires carefully for breaks, fraying and damaged connections before energizing your holiday decorations. Any damaged strands of lights should be thrown out and not fixed.

Lastly, avoid overloading circuits.

“Plug no more than three light sets into a single outlet,” fire officials said.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20161128/fire-officials-warn-of-holiday-decorating-fire-dangers>

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## Firefighters quickly extinguish rubbish fire along Mariposa Road in Hesperia

Daily Press

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Firefighters battled a blaze that ignited just east of Mariposa Road near the San Joaquin Valley College campus Monday evening. Jose Quintero, Daily Press

HESPERIA — Firefighters battled a blaze that ignited just east of Mariposa Road near the San Joaquin Valley College campus Monday evening.

Originally reported at approximately 4:40 p.m. as a vegetation fire, **San Bernardino County Fire** Captain Jeff Alexy said it was a rubbish fire that may have been a warming homeless fire.

Two trees were completely involved in flames and one fire engine, an investigator and a battalion chief responded to the scene.

Alexy said that the fire could have spread to nearby brush and debris due to high winds, but the trees were extinguished within five minutes and mop up was completed a little after 5:10 p.m.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20161128/firefighters-quickly-extinguish-rubbish-fire-along-mariposa-road-in-hesperia>

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## **Firefighters extinguish kitchen fire at apartment complex Monday night**

Jose Quintero, Daily Press

Posted: November 29, 2016, 7:13 AM

VICTORVILLE — Firefighters quickly extinguished a fire that started in an oven and spread to nearby kitchen cabinets at a local apartment complex late Monday night.

**San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel responded to the Colony at Victorville Apartments, located at 14450 El Evado Road, a little before 11:40 p.m., according to spokesman Eric Sherwin.

Firefighters arrived and found fire showing from an upstairs apartment, made entry and found the fire had spread from the oven to nearby cabinets. Sherwin said firefighters acted quickly to extinguish the fire within 90 seconds and ruled the fire out at 11:48 p.m.

“The damage was confined to just the kitchen of the single unit,” Sherwin said. “We notified building management and we did not have any injuries reported or any residents displaced. These calls get punched out as a commercial structure fire instead of a residential fire and we respond with various resources because of the potential to quickly spread into other nearby units. Thankfully that wasn’t the case.”

Sherwin said County Fire responded with two fire trucks, four engines, a squad and battalion chief.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20161129/firefighters-extinguish-kitchen-fire-at-apartment-complex-monday-night>