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Man with burns airlifted after garage fire in Hesperia

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(SB County Fire/Twitter)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A man with burns to his arms was airlifted to a trauma hospital following a garage fire here Sunday.

At about 12:00 pm, firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** were dispatched to the 13000 block of Wells Fargo reference a structure fire with heavy smoke showing.

According to a tweet from SB County Fire, a Battalion Chief on scene advised of a well involved detached garage to the rear of a residence with exposures to multiple vehicles on the property. One burn victim was also reported.

Firefighters were in a defensive attack as they worked to keep the fire from spreading. At about 12:45 pm the fire was reportedly knocked down and crews were in overhaul.

Helicopter H325 was requested to land near the scene and flew the patient to Arrowhead Regional Medical Burn Center.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/burn-patient-airlifted-after-garage-fire-in-hesperia/>

Vehicle goes over the side of 15 freeway in Cajon Pass killing one person

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CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com) — One person was killed and several others were critically injured after a vehicle went over the side of the I-15 freeway Saturday night.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, at 11:47pm, a vehicle went off the right shoulder approximately 150-250 feet down an embankment along the southbound 15 freeway, just north of Highway 138.

According to the logs, at least one person was ejected with others trapped inside the vehicle. Paramedic-firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded and pronounced one person dead at the scene.

According to scanner traffic, one person was airlifted to a trauma center and another was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. Information on the injured were not immediately available.

The crash prompted officials to temporarily shutdown the entire southbound side of the 15 freeway as they investigated the crash. The no.1 lane re-opened at 12:38am, per the logs.

The call was changed from a traffic collision to a fatality and authorities at the scene requested the San Bernardino County Coroners to respond to the scene.

The official cause of the crash is under investigation by the Victorville CHP office. Anyone with information on the crash is asked to call (760)241-1186.

<http://www.vvng.com/vehicle-goes-over-the-side-of-15-freeway-in-cajon-pass-killing-one-person/>

1 person airlifted after pick-up truck crashes into semi in Hesperia

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(submitted photo)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — One person was flown to a trauma center after being partially ejected from a vehicle during a traffic collision Friday night.

It happened at about 9:30 pm, near the intersection of Sycamore Street and Balsam Avenue in Hesperia.

Emergency personnel responded to the scene and located a white older model Chevy pickup truck with major front-end damage after crashing into a tractor-trailer. A person in the pick-up truck was partially ejected and hanging out the truck's side window, witnesses reported.

Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded and required the use of heavy equipment to extricate the person from the truck. Due to injuries sustained, an air ambulance was requested and the person was airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center with unknown injuries.

According to a witness who did not want to be identified, the truck was traveling at a high-rate of speed when it collided into the driver side of a tractor-trailer that was backing into a residence in the 15100 block of Sycamore Street.

The official cause of the accident remains under investigation by the Hesperia Sheriff's Station.

<http://www.vvng.com/1-person-airlifted-after-pick-up-truck-crashes-into-semi-in-hesperia/>

Woman survives 700-foot plunge off southern California mountain road

Gabriel Acosta, Associated Press

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An aerial view of Highway 18 shows rock slides blocking the road between the Crestline and Lake Gregory cut-offs in the San Bernardino Mountains, Calif., Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005. Recent storms have brought down mud, and debris closing many roads to the mountains. GABRIEL ACOSTA / AP

CRESTLINE, Calif. -- A Southern California driver managed to call for help after her car plunged 700 feet off a road in the San Bernardino Mountains, and rescuers marveled at her survival. The woman could not say exactly where she was Thursday night, and authorities used her phone to figure out her approximate location, CBS Los Angeles reports.

A rescue crew found a patch of dirt along the road where they believed she had veered off the road. She was found about 700 feet down at the base of a mountain in remarkably good condition, given what she had just endured.

"I'm amazed. You don't have these positive outcomes like this when you launch over the side and end up 700 feet, so she's doing quite well," said Battalion Chief Bob Evans with **San Bernardino County Fire**. "I don't know what her prognosis will be, but she has an altered level of consciousness and some back pain, understandably."

Firefighters had to go down into where the woman's car had fallen and pulled out both her and her vehicle. The woman was taken to a local hospital.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the cause of the crash.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/san-bernardino-mountains-highway-18-crestline-car-plunge/>

Riverside woman who intentionally drove 700 feet off mountain in Crestline is rescued

Brian Rokos, Press Enterprise

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San Bernardino County firefighters rescue a woman whose car plunged over the side of Highway 18 near Crestline on May 24, 2018. (Courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire Department)

Firefighters on Thursday, May 24, rescued a 26-year-old Riverside woman whose car plunged 700 feet off Highway 18 near Crestline after she intentionally drove off the mountain road, authorities said.

The crash happened about 5:45 p.m., California Highway Patrol Officer Juan Quintero said. The woman, whose name was not disclosed, was driving south on Highway 18 between the Crestline cutoff at Highway 138 and Lake Gregory Drive when she intentionally made a left turn off the road, Quintero said.

The woman was injured but was able to phone 911. She didn't know exactly where she was, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department Battalion Chief Bob Evans said, but dispatchers were able to determine a general area by "pinging" her phone, or sending a signal to it.

A fire captain noticed dirt disturbed on a concrete berm, and firefighters examining the area spotted the car far down the mountain.

"A needle-in-the-haystack find for us," Evans said.

The fading light and foggy conditions ruled out using a helicopter to hoist the woman.

"It was kind of a race against time," Evans said.

So firefighters pulled out ropes — the longest of which was 500 feet, about 200 feet too short — and tied them together to lower rescuers to the car. They brought the woman up in a basket. In all, Evans said, the rescue took a little less than 2 hours.

About three dozen people took part in the rescue, including a hand crew.

"I'm proud of them," Evans said.

The woman was taken to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/05/25/riverside-woman-who-intentionally-drove-700-feet-off-mountain-in-crestline-is-rescued/>

Early morning fire destroys Iron Hog Saloon kitchen

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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A fire at the Iron Hog Saloon off National Trails Highway destroyed the building's kitchen Friday morning. [Paola Baker, Daily Press] 2)

ORO GRANDE — A blaze at the Iron Hog Saloon here destroyed the building's kitchen before firefighters could douse it early Friday morning.

The blaze erupted at the shuttered saloon, located at 20848 National Trails Highway, at 5:39 a.m. Friday. It spread through the building's kitchen, causing heavy fire and smoke damage before **San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel extinguished it.

County Fire Cpt. Jeff Allen said the first unit arrived on scene in less than 20 minutes. They found "fire and smoke showing from the roof and the front of the building," Allen said.

With a total of 17 County Fire personnel, including four paramedic engines, one truck company, a chief officer and a fire investigator, the crews knocked the fire down by 6:16 a.m.

Fire personnel remained on scene for several hours for cleanup. No injuries were reported to firefighters or civilians, Allen said.

This is the second time the long-standing saloon's kitchen has caught fire. Another early morning blaze in May 2015 caused about \$70,000 in damages to the building, according to a previous Daily Press report.

The saloon most recently made local headlines early last year, when San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials conducted a search and recovered five firearms, ammunition, two sets of body armor and a stolen vehicle.

Allen said there were no suspicious factors behind the cause of the fire, which remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20180525/early-morning-fire-destroys-iron-hog-saloon-kitchen>