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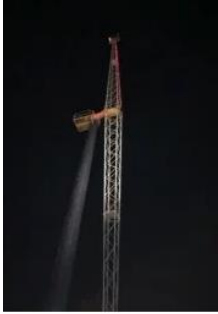
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Stuck Thrill Ride Leaves Passengers Trapped 160 Feet in the Air at Victorville Amusement Park

Anthony Kurzweil, KTLA

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Rescue crews respond to two trapped riders at the Scandia Family Fun Park in Victorville on April 8, 2018. (Credit: San Bernardino County Fire Department)

Fire crews rescued two people who were stuck atop a thrill ride in the Scandia Family Fun Park in Victorville Sunday night.

The firefighters responded to a rescue call about 9:24 p.m. and discovered the trapped riders 160 feet in the air at the highest point of the Sky Screamer Ride, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department posted on its Facebook page.

The trapped riders, both males, were 14 and 20 years old and were restrained in an upright position, the Fire Department stated.

Crews brought in a 100 foot ladder truck to reach a platform which contained additional controls for the ride. After about 45 minutes, the ride was slowly lowered to the offloading platform below and the two riders were removed.

The riders were both evaluated at the scene by paramedics, but were not taken to the hospital, according to the Fire Department.

<http://ktla.com/2018/04/09/stuck-thrill-ride-leaves-2-riders-trapped-160-feet-in-the-air-at-victorville-amusement-park/>

Two people rescued after being stuck at the top of sky Screamer at Scandia

Kevin, Trudgeon, Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel work with Scandia Family Fun Center mechanics to try and rescue two people stuck on the Sky Screamer ride Sunday evening. [Submitted photo]

VICTORVILLE — Two people were rescued after they got stuck at the top of the Sky Screamer ride at Scandia Family Fun Center Sunday evening.

Members of the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the amusement park on Mariposa Road at approximately 9:24 p.m. after a 20-year-old man and a 14-year-old boy were reported to be stuck at the highest point of the ride.

“They were restrained in an upright position approximately 160 feet up at its most vertical position,” County Fire officials stated. “Exposure to the elements were a factor with temperatures in the mid 50s and reports of both males being wet from a previous ride.”

Firefighters worked with Scandia mechanics to try and trouble-shoot the system and, due to the height in reaching a lower platform which contained additional ride controls, a 100-foot ladder truck was requested, along with one of County Fire’s “Heavy Rescues, which brings a team of specially trained personnel to aid in the rescue,” authorities said.

“After approximately 45 minutes the ride was lowered in a controlled decent down to the off-loading platform at the base of the ride,” County Fire officials stated. “Both riders were removed and evaluated by on-scene paramedics.”

Neither occupants were transported to the hospital and a total of 18 County Fire personnel responded to the scene.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180409/two-people-rescued-after-being-stuck-at-top-of-sky-screamer-at-scandia>

Fire crews, park mechanics assist two riders who were stuck on top of 165-foot Sky Screamer ride in Victorville

Staff Writer, SBSUN

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San Bernardino County Fire Department crews were called to the Scandia Family Fun Center in Victorville on Sunday night and assisted crews at the amusement park after two riders became stuck, at a height of 165 feet, on top of the Sky Screamer ride.

The rescue was successful and quick, with the Fire Department saying that Scandia staff, mechanics and fire personnel “completed a controlled descent of the ride.”

“Rescue complete,” the Fire Department said in a Tweet at 10:25 p.m.

Officials at Scandia couldn’t immediately be reached for comment on the situation.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/04/08/fire-crews-park-mechanics-assist-two-riders-who-were-stuck-on-top-of-165-foot-sky-screamer-ride-in-victorville/>

2 people rescued from Scandia ride stuck 165 feet high in Victorville

Staff Writer, VVNG

Posted: April 8, 2018



(Photo Courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** rescued two riders stuck on top of a ride, 165 feet off the ground.

It happened on April 8, 2018, at about 9:24 pm, when firefighters were dispatched to Scandia Family Fun Zone in the 12600 block of Mariposa Road after receiving reports of people stuck on the Sky Screamer ride.

Sky Screamer is an attraction that carries riders 16 stories and rotates them several times at 55 mph.

According to a tweet from SB County Fire, 2 Medic Engines, 2 Trucks, and 1 Rescue were assigned to the incident.

On-site staff and mechanics along with fire department personnel completed a controlled decent of the ride, successfully bringing the riders down to safety.

By 10:18 pm, a 20 and 14-year-old male had been successfully rescued from the ride. They were evaluated by paramedics at the scene.

<http://www.vvng.com/firefighters-rescue-riders-stuck-on-top-of-sky-screamer-in-victorville/>

SB County Fire Department Crews Rescued 2 males from an Amusement Park Ride

Staff Writer, Crime OLA

Posted: April 9, 2018, 5:54 a.m.

At around 9:24 p.m. on April 8, **San Bernardino County Fire** went to Scandia Family Fun Park in Victorville. When there, Medic Engine 313 saw two riders stuck at the highest point of the Sky Screamer ride.

The two riders were reportedly 14 and 20 years old. Both males were stuck in an upright position approximately 160 feet high, at the ride's most vertical position.

Firefighters worked with park mechanics to fix the system. The rescue operation went on for 45 minutes, after which the ride was lowered to the offloading platform at the base. Both the riders were wrapped in blankets and looked at by on-scene paramedics, but were not taken to the hospital. No injuries were reported.

During the rescue, the SB County Fire Department tweeted that they were at the scene.

<https://crimeola.com/sb-county-fire-department-rescued-2-males-amusement-park/>

2 rescued from Southern California thrill ride

Staff Writer, San Francisco Chronicle

Posted: April 9, 2018 7:57 a.m.

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Two people got more than they paid for when a thrill ride at a small Southern California amusement park got stuck with the pair 165 feet in the air.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department says the Sky Screamer ride got stuck Sunday night at the Scandia park in the high desert city of Victorville.

Firefighters and mechanics were finally able to bring a 20-year-old man and 14-year-old boy down in a controlled descent.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/2-rescued-from-Southern-California-thrill-ride-12818012.php>

2 killed, 1 airlifted in Sunday evening crash on Highway 395

Staff Writer, VVNG

Posted: April 8, 2018

UPDATE— The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department identified the drivers in the crash as Ruben Luna, 24, of Adelanto and Robert Lee, 62, of Rialto. According to the coroners, both were declared dead on scene by San **Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel.

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A double-fatal crash prompted authorities to shut down a stretch of Highway 395 for several hours Sunday.

Firefighters with San Bernardino County Fire responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision on US-395 near Desert Flower Road, just north of Adelanto.

SBCoFD Public Information Officer Jeremy Kern said an Adult male was airlifted to a trauma center after he was extricated. Two other people were pronounced deceased at the scene.

“We will likely be requested back out to respond to assist with the extrication,” stated Kern.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

Information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/2-killed-1-airlifted-in-sunday-evening-crash-on-highway-395/>

Farm Animals Killed in Landers Fire

Staff Writer, z1077

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A fire in Landers killed several pigs and goats Saturday. According to **County Fire** Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio, firefighters were called to a small farm near Alta Avenue and Lutz Road just after 6 p.m. for a structure fire. Vilorio said four outbuildings, which served as shelters for pigs and goats, were on fire, and the animals were trapped in the buildings and pens. Vilorio thought at least 5 to 7 of each animal died in the fire. No human occupants were injured and the fire was quickly contained. The cause is still under investigation.

<http://z1077fm.com/local-news/todays-full-newscast/>

Helicopter Rescues in Joshua Tree National Park and Amboy

Staff Writer, z1077

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Twenty-nine Palms firefighters were called to a rescue in Indian Cove where a rock scrambler had fallen. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Donnie Vioria said the woman had gone higher than she probably should have and fell. Thanks to the efforts of park rangers, firefighters, and bystanders, the woman was brought down to the trailhead where she was taken to the Indian Cove parking lot by paramedics. A Mercy Air helicopter from Big Bear was called in to take her to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs. Vioria said the Big Bear helicopter was needed because the Sheriff's helicopter had rescued a hiker in Amboy earlier and had flown the victim to Loma Linda Medical Center. Due to bad weather conditions, the helicopter was not able to launch to go to the Indian Cove rescue.

<http://z1077fm.com/local-news/todays-full-newscast/>

THC lab, illegal pot grow in Hesperia leads to 2 arrests

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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Authorities arrested two men after a search of a home on Hwy 173 led to an illegal THC lab and marijuana grow early Thursday [Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department]

HESPERIA — Authorities placed two men behind bars after linking them to an illegal THC lab and marijuana grow early Thursday.

Jason Edward Espinoza, 35, of Apple Valley, and David Vargas, 34, of Pico Rivera, were arrested after San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials found the operation while searching a home in the 15000 block of Highway 173 at 7 a.m. Thursday.

Officials said the home contained over 1,500 marijuana plants “in various stages of growth” along with the THC extraction lab. Three 55-gallon drums of hydrogen peroxide were also found inside a large barn on the property.

“Investigators also found the electricity at the location was being stolen to facilitate the grow operation,” officials said. “The elaborate operation damaged the historic barn that was built in the late 1800s.”

Personnel from Southern California Edison (SCE) and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were requested to assist with the electrical theft investigation and properly handle the hydrogen peroxide drums. “The extreme measures used to illegally grow marijuana and extract THC endangers the public living near the residence,” officials said.

Espinoza and Vargas were both contacted on the property and arrested on suspicion of manufacturing a controlled substance and illegal cultivation of marijuana.

They remain in custody at the High Desert Detention Center in lieu of \$500,000 bail, booking records show, and are both scheduled to appear in court April 9.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact Deputies Oakleaf or Stanley or Detective Bassett of the Victor Valley Sheriff's Station at 760-552-6800. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can contact the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or online at www.wetip.com.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20180406/thc-lab-illegal-pot-grow-in-hesperia-leads-to-2-arrests>