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## Driver Killed in Phelan Road Crash ID'd

Hugo C Valdez, Victor Valley News Group

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(photo by Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

PHELAN, Calif: (VVNG.com)- The identity of the man killed in a head-on traffic collision on Phelan Road has been released by the San Bernardino Coroners Department.

On Wednesday, July 27th, at about 10:43 a.m. San Bernardino Sheriff's, California Highway Patrol, Cal Fire, and **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a traffic collision on Phelan Road just west of Trinidad Road.

Upon arrival, authorities located an overturned 2013 Chevy van on its side in the eastbound lane of Phelan Road and a 2005 Saturn SUV with major damage along the northbound dirt shoulder.

Paul Schneider, 55, a resident of Phelan, the sole occupant of the Saturn SUV was pronounced dead at the scene.

The male driver of the overturned van was trapped and required extrication. It took firefighters approximately 30 minutes to free the man from the vehicle. He sustained major injuries, including several broken bones and was airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

According to CHP officer Matt Hunt, the Saturn was traveling westbound on Phelan Road when it crossed over the double yellow lines, and directly into the path of the Chevy van in the eastbound lanes. The driver of the van turned to the south in an attempt to avoid the crash, stated Hunt.

Witnesses reportedly saw the Saturn swerving back and forth in the westbound lane prior to the collision, according to a coroner's release.

Officer Matt Hunt said the collision remains under investigation, and it's still to be determined if the driver of the Saturn was under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the crash.

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## Phelan man died in crash

*Coroner IDs victim of head-on collision as Paul Schneider, 55*

Jose Quintero, Victor Valley Daily Press

Posted: August 3, 2016



San Bernardino County and CalFire firefighters work to extricate an injured victim involved in a two-car collision on Phelan Road on July 27. Authorities identified the man killed in the collision as Paul Schneider, of Phelan. James Quigg, Daily Press

**PHELAN** — Authorities on Tuesday identified the driver killed in a head-on collision between a Saturn SUV and a local plumbing business's company van that shut down a stretch of Phelan Road last week.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department said Paul Schneider, 55, of Phelan, died in the two-vehicle collision on July 27.

Authorities responded to the crash a little before 10:43 a.m. at the intersection of Phelan and Trinidad roads. Schneider, 55, was pronounced dead at the scene by responding **San Bernardino County Fire Department** firefighters at 11:01 a.m., according to the Sheriff-Coroner's report.

Authorities said Schneider was traveling westbound when, for unknown reasons, he lost control of the Saturn and collided head-on with the oncoming van. The impact sent the Saturn onto Phelan Road's northern dirt shoulder, while the van overturned across both lanes.

Firefighters extricated a man from the van and airlifted him to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center due to major injuries. His condition has not been updated by authorities.

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## SB Strong Plane Pull tested and announced

Hector Hernandez Jr. Highland News

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San Bernardino firefighters and peace officers work together to test pull a Boeing 757 on Aug. 1, during the launch event for the SB Strong Plane pull to take place at the 2016 SBD Fest.

Posted on Aug 1, How many firefighters and peace officers does it take to pull a Boeing 757?

That was the question to be answered on Monday, Aug. 1, at a special media event at the San Bernardino International Airport (SBD) announcing the SB Strong 575 Plane Pull to take place at the airport's 2016 SBD Fest air show on Sept. 10.

The plane pull will pit a team of firefighters against a team of law enforcement officers to see who can pull a gutted Boeing 757 the greatest distance in two minutes. Aside from being a fun and friendly competition and spectacle for air show guests, the pull is also a fundraiser to support San Bernardino's police, sheriff and fire departments which played critical roles in protecting the local community during the Dec. 2 shooting.

"During the planning efforts for SBD Fest one of the things the planning committee wanted to keep in mind was helping the local non-profits," said Catherine Pritchett, SBD senior assistant to the executive director. "Following the events of Dec. 2nd we thought it appropriate to recognize the efforts of our San Bernardino first responders and public agencies that responded to those events. At the same time we were having these internal conversations Chief [Jarrod] Burguan, of the San Bernardino PD, called and suggested a plane pull."

Through anython.com people can make flat donations or pledges by the foot to organizations that directly benefit the San Bernardino Police Foundation, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Volunteer Administrative Support Unit and the **San Bernardino County Firefighters** Association. A goal has been set to raise \$1 million.

First organizers had to find out if pulling the airliner weighing over 120,000 pounds (with its engines removed) could be done and how many people would it take, and Monday's fundraiser launch served as the test.

"This unique and colorful event has us asking questions we've never considered before such as how do you rig a rope to an airliner so it can be pulled by hand, how many people will it take, how difficult or easy will it be, and once it's rolling will we have difficulty stopping it," Pritchett explained.

Representatives from the San Bernardino Police Department, County Sheriff's Department and County Fire gathered to have their first try at pulling the 757 borrowed from Unical Aviation.

Starting with 16 at the four-inch rope and on a slight incline (a safety precaution) the group could hardly budge the plane.

"I love giving back and doing whatever I can to help others so when this came up I let them know I wanted to do it," said Capt. Horace Boatwright, of the Fontana Sheriff's station. "I didn't know it was going to be that difficult. Initially I thought it was going to be a 747. When I saw it was smaller I thought it'd be easy, but it is still a challenge. There hasn't been too much competitiveness yet but there's some rivalry between [fire and police] as we're always joking with each other."

After moving the plane to level ground it still couldn't be moved. Two additional police officers joined in and the plane was then rolled about 35 feet. That's when the bragging began.

"San Bernardino Police Department claims because it was two of their guys who made the difference they're the ones who moved it," said Monette Mendoza, assistant manager of Luxivair. "And the firefighters are saying because they anchored the rope they did the most pulling and are going to win at the air show."

After the successful test it was decided the contest will have teams of 20 pulling for the greatest distance in two minutes. Each team will have three members from the New York fire and police departments. The New York firefighters and police officers have volunteered to fly out and participate in a show of support. The plane pull will take place on the eve of the 16th anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York.

The SBD Fest will also feature display aircraft, stunt plane and jet team performances, a country music concert and a car show.

For more information on the SBD Fest and the SB Strong Plane Pull visit [sdbfest.com](http://sdbfest.com). To make a donation or pledge visit <http://anython.com/SBDFest2016PlanePull>.

[http://www.highlandnews.net/entertainment/sb-strong-plane-pull-tested-and-announced/article\\_b5950186-583d-11e6-bf63-d3f561203c48.html](http://www.highlandnews.net/entertainment/sb-strong-plane-pull-tested-and-announced/article_b5950186-583d-11e6-bf63-d3f561203c48.html)

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## Man Extricated From Crash on Bear Valley Road in Victorville

Hugo C Valdez, Victor Valley News Group

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(photo by Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif: (VVNG.com) – A man seriously injured in a traffic collision was airlifted on Monday afternoon.

The two vehicle crash was reported at about 1:40 p.m. on Bear Valley Road near the entrance to the Mall of Victor Valley.

According to witness Jessica Green, the Chrysler sedan was traveling westbound on Bear Valley Road when the driver appeared to have suffered some type of medical emergency and lost control.

As the Chrysler drove through the intersection of Mariposa Road it jumped the curb and knocked down a municipal code street sign.

“I heard cars honking and when I looked up he hit the pole and went up on the grass. He must have been going at least 50 mph,” stated Green.

After the vehicle struck the sign the vehicle continued moving and collided into a green colored Kia Soul. The Kia was waiting to turn right onto Bear Valley Road from the parking lot of the Mall.

The impact caused the Kia to crash into a landscaped area near the old David’s Bridal.

The Chrysler continued moving and crossed over northbound lanes of traffic on Bear Valley Road before jumping over the center median. The vehicle eventually came to a stop on the eastbound side of Bear Valley Road near the entrance to the Baja Fresh.

The male driver of the Kia was trapped in the vehicle and required extrication from **San Bernardino County Fire**. He was airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center via Mercy Air. The female passenger in the Kia was taken by ground ambulance with unknown injuries.

The driver of the Chrysler was also taken by ground ambulance to Desert Valley Hospital. His condition is unknown at this time.

More information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/man-extricated-from-crash-on-bear-valley-road-in-victorville/>

## Photo Update: National Night Out Comes To Mountain Communities

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Rim Family Service's Chris Barrett offered free grilled hot dogs during the First Annual National Night Out event held in Twin Peaks Tuesday evening. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)



County Fire personnel offered bright red firefighter helmets to youngsters who enjoyed it when the red lights came on and parents learned about the importance of establishing defensible space around homes and businesses. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)



Sheriff's Department Explorers not only handed out "honorary" badges but provided traffic control and information about the volunteer programs at the Twin Peaks Station. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)



The new fitness equipment installed by the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District also got a workout. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)



The hot dogs were fresh off the grill as this youngster discovered during the National Night Out event. He also picked up a package of cookies donated by 7-11 in Crestline. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)

Twin Peaks, CA – The First Annual National Night Out in Twin Peaks had a little something for everybody from police and fire units to a bounce house, free hot dogs and cookies and plenty of time to visit with first responders and mountain neighbors.

### ORIGINAL STORY

Twin Peaks, CA – National Night Out — Tuesday, August 2 — is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make the mountain and its neighborhoods safer, better places to live, work and play.

Mountain residents are encouraged to come out and meet with their neighbors and law enforcement in a social setting at the Twin Peaks Ballfield (Harich Field) adjacent to the Senior Center at 675 Grandview Road in Twin Peaks.

The First Annual Night Out begins at 4 p.m. and hot dogs will be served for attendees starting about 6 p.m.

### THE SPONSORS

National Night Out is being presented by Rim Family Services, Twin Peaks Sheriff's Station, California Highway Patrol and the Rim of the World Recreation and Park District.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/08/02/national-night-out-comes-to-mountain-communities-on-august-2/>

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## Show of support

*High Desert turns out in force to join law enforcement on National Night Out*

Monica Solano, Victor Valley Daily Press

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Children gather with a Smokey the Bear mascot for a photo during the National Night Out event at Super Target in Hesperia on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016. Jose Huerta, Daily Press

**VICTORVILLE** — High Desert residents of all ages gathered throughout the Victor Valley on Tuesday night for National Night Out as they celebrated the joint efforts of communities and local law enforcement to keep neighborhoods safe.

The annual event took place at Victorville City Hall, Super Target off Highway 18 in Apple Valley and the Hesperia Target Shopping Center. It was sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and is supported by local law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

Not only has National Night Out helped to reduce crime, strengthen community-police relationships and empower neighborhoods, but this year's event also focused on citizens and deputies and officers coming together in the wake of the recent shootings of police officers across the country.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Victorville Station spokeswoman Mara Rodriguez said it was a chance for unity within the community. She described it as "people supporting people."

"Everyone is part of this community and everyone has a place in this community not only to have fun but to work together. We need to get out there, meet your local neighbors and break down certain barriers," Rodriguez said. "It's really great to have all the kids who showed up here as well get involved and learn about their local authorities and what part they play in the community."

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and American Red Cross all took part.

"This is a good way to show everyone how we are all working together for a common cause and to show the community we are here for them no matter what happens or what gets said in the media," said CHP Officer Jason Costello. "It's great for everyone and especially the kids to come talk to us and ask us questions and to shed some light on a few things."

Each of the Night Out events focused on ways the community can get involved in keeping neighborhoods safe. There were demonstrations and informational booths on crime prevention and Neighborhood Watch programs, Citizens on Patrol and Explorer programs.

Activities for children also were provided as organizers set up carnival-style games, face-painting activities, a meet-and-greet with McGruff the Crime Dog and a chance to pet the local K-9 pooch.

County Fire Capt. Matt Durham said the event was a great way to provide the residents with general information regarding public safety, including fire safety. “It’s kinda scary stuff to hear what’s been going on in the media regarding officials and the whole Black Lives and Everyone’s Lives matter, but they’re doing their best and a good job. They put their life on the line and risk themselves to help others,” said Joscelynn Boloinger, 15, of Victorville.

“They’re here for everyone to make us feel safe and loved and it’s really cool for these officials to get recognition for that.”

Robin Hernandez, 7, of Victorville, said she attended to honor her father Marcus Hernandez, who has worked for the Victorville Sheriff’s Station for 10 years as a Volunteer Citizen and Patrol Officer.

“I liked the face painting and I like supporting the police ‘cause my daddy is a police,” Robin said. “I’m really proud of my daddy.”

Marcus Hernandez said the event was a great opportunity to show everyone just how hard those in law enforcement work in order to protect others.

“What I hope people realize and take away from today is that those in law enforcement are also mothers and fathers and that we are part of the community as well and we are here to help,” he said.

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## Body found in California Aqueduct ID'd as that of Hesperia man

Jose Quintero, Victor Valley Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Department and other agencies recover a body from the California Aqueduct near Halinor Street on Monday night. The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner identified the body found as Michael Paul Croy Sr., 62, of Hesperia, on Tuesday. James Quigg, Daily Press

**HESPERIA** — Authorities on Tuesday released the identity of the man found dead in the California Aqueduct near Halinor Street on Monday evening.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner said the body of Michael Paul Croy Sr., of Hesperia, was found in the aqueduct. According to the Sheriff-Coroner's report, Croy's body was pinned against a flow restriction gate, roughly four miles from the spot where he was last seen on Saturday.

Croy, 62, was reportedly last seen shortly after 9:30 a.m. when a witness traveling Main Street told sheriff's officials they saw a man bobbing his head up and down in the aqueduct before disappearing under water.

Hesperia Sheriff's Station units and the Sheriff's dive team searched the California Aqueduct for Croy on Saturday and Sunday, until the search was suspended "until further notice," authorities previously said.

Croy was presumed drowned and a missing person's report was filed.

Units from the Hesperia Sheriff's Station were notified of the body a little before 5:20 p.m. on Monday after a person reported seeing a body. **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and Sheriff-Coroner officials also responded.

At approximately 8:20 p.m. Monday, a yellow bag was observed being pulled from the aqueduct. But positive identification was not made Monday night.

The incident remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Department.

Michael Croy Jr., 34, previously told the Daily Press he believed his father had been walking his service dog for exercise per his morning routine, and he suggested the dog may have fallen into the water first, leading his father to go in afterward to save the dog. Croy said he found his father's truck running and the dog covered in mud upon arriving on scene after receiving the call that something had happened. Croy's glasses were also found near the California Aqueduct.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160802/hesperia-man-died-in-aqueduct>