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## **FOUR INJURED IN SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH THIS MORNING**

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News

Posted: November 5, 2018

Four people were injured, including an infant, in a single-vehicle crash just after midnight this morning.

According to **County Fire** Battalion Chief Donnie Vioria, the SUV crashed on Old Woman Springs Road, just north of Handley Road in the Flamingo Heights area of Yucca Valley, about 12:10 a.m. Firefighters from Yucca Valley and Yucca Mesa had to extricate at least one patient from the SUV, which landed on its side.

A woman, identified only as being in her 60s, was taken to Yucca Valley airport and then flown to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs. The other three patients, including an infant, were taken by Morongo Basin Ambulance to Hi-Desert Medical Center.

<http://z1077fm.com/four-injured-in-single-vehicle-crash-this-morning/>

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## **Man rescued after falling 100 feet down ghost town mine shaft**

Jared Leone, Fox 13

Posted: November 4, 2018



ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. - Firefighters rescued a man Saturday who fell nearly 100 feet down a ghost town mine shaft

A 24-year-old man was exploring the Calico Ghost Town with some friends when he fell down the shaft, the Orange County Register reported.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Department heavy and cave rescue teams used ropes to lower a rescuer to the man, who has not been identified, and bring him to safety.

He sustained major injuries and was airlifted to a hospital, according to the Register.

The Calico mine system, with 500 shafts, produced more than \$20 million worth of silver during a 12-year span, according to San Bernardino County.

Walter Knott, of Knotts Berry Farms, purchased it in the 1950s and architecturally preserved all but five of the 19th century buildings. It is now part of the San Bernardino County Regional Parks system.

<https://www.fox13memphis.com/news/trending-now/man-rescued-after-falling-100-feet-down-ghost-town-mine-shaft/866667718>

## Man who fell down mine shaft near Calico Ghost Town safely rescued

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

Posted: November 3, 2018



(Photo by Shannon Freeman)

YERMO, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Firefighters successfully rescued a man who fell about 60 feet down a mine shaft near Calico Ghost Town Saturday afternoon.

The incident was first reported at about 12:00 pm, on November 3, 2018, in the area of Calico and Scenic Road, east of Barstow.

**San Bernardino County Firefighters** sent its urban search and rescue team to assist Yermo Fire with the rescue operation that lasted at least five hours.

The man reportedly broke his leg after hitting a truss beam as he fell down the shaft.

According to people at the scene, a rescuer was lowered into the mine shaft using a rope tool and secured the victim before hoisting him up to safety.

Those at the scene said he was conscious during the rescue operation which ended just before 6:00 pm.

After the rescue, the man was flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

<https://www.vvng.com/rescue-underway-after-man-falls-down-mine-shaft-near-calico/>

## Rescuers save Orange County man who fell down mine shaft near Calico Ghost Town

Brian Rokos, Jonah Valdez and Richard K. DeAtley, The Press Enterprise

Posted: November 3, 2018, 2:43 pm



Firefighters were trying to rescue a man who fell down a mine shaft near the Calico Ghost Town east of Barstow on Nov. 3, 2018. (Courtesy file photo)

Firefighters on Saturday, Nov. 3, rescued an Orange County man who reportedly had fallen 100 feet down one of the hundreds of mine shafts near Calico Ghost Town, east of Barstow.

The 24-year-old man from the city of Orange had been exploring the open mine with friends in the hills above the ghost town when he fell, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said Sunday.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department on Saturday afternoon sent its heavy rescue team, as well as a cave rescue team, to the site off the 15 Freeway to assist the Yermo Fire Department.

Officials used a rope tool to lower a rescuer into the mine shaft and the rescuer was able to secure the man, said Eric Sherwin, spokesman for the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The two were then hoisted out of the shaft. The rescue was complete at 5:52 p.m., Sherwin said.

The man was airlifted by a Sheriff's helicopter to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment of what were described Sunday as major injuries. He was conscious throughout the rescue effort, Sherwin said Saturday.

In a 12-year period during the silver rush in the 1880s, more than 500 mines were dug throughout the Calico Mountains, according to the website [secretmines.com](http://secretmines.com). The Calico Ghost Town website warns, "Mines in the Calico area are extremely hazardous and must not be approached for any reason."

Calico was founded in 1881 after prospectors discovered a large silver deposit. The mine was financed by John C. King, uncle of Walter Knott, according to [secretmines.com](http://secretmines.com). Knott, who founded Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, purchase Calico and restored it. Calico Ghost Town is now part of the San Bernardino County Regional Parks system.

County firefighters have experience with retrieving people from mine shafts. In 2014, a team pulled the body of murder victim Erin Corwin from a mine shaft in the Mojave Desert. It's dangerous work; one firefighter suffered cardiac distress and was injured when a rock fell on him, Fire Chief Mark Hartwig said at the time.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/11/03/rescuers-trying-to-save-man-who-fell-down-mine-shaft-near-calico-ghost-town/>

## Fire burning near Mt. Baldy now at 12 acres, 65 percent contained

City News Service and Jonah Valdez, Daily Bulletin

Posted: November 3, 2018, 4:53 pm



Deputy Fire Chief Tim Dunfee, with the Angeles National Forest, gets an update at the command post south of the San fire, burning near Mt. Baldy and Shinn Roads just south of the town of Mt. Baldy, on Friday, November 2, 2018. (Photo by Jennifer Cappuccio Maher, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

A brush fire burning near Mt. Baldy in the Angeles National Forest was declared 65 percent contained on Saturday, Nov. 3, with the fire's size now measured at 12 acres.

Containment of the San fire at 9:45 p.m. on Friday was at 5 percent.

"Crews made significant progress overnight," forest officials tweeted on Saturday.

There were no evacuations and no structures threatened, they said. The acreage was revised downward from 20 to 12 after daybreak.

The blaze broke out around 7:30 p.m. on Friday near Mountain Avenue and Shinn Road, said Jeremy Stafford, a dispatch supervisor with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The fire burned just north of San Antonio Heights, a residential community of Upland.

Los Angeles County Fire Department crews and two helicopters were called in to assist in the firefight. The Mt. Baldy and **San Bernardino County Fire** Departments were also fighting the fire, officials said. The cause wasn't immediately known.

Both sides of Mountain Avenue and Mt. Baldy Road from Fergus falls were closed to traffic due to the fire.

Mt. Baldy Road was reopened on Saturday afternoon, the Mt. Baldy Fire Department announced on Twitter.

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2018/11/03/fire-burning-near-mt-baldy-now-at-12-acres-65-percent-contained/>

## Fire Breaks Out Near Mount Baldy, 20 Acres Burned

Staff Writer, mynewsLA.com

Posted: November 3, 2018

A brush fire burning Saturday morning near Mount Baldy in Angeles National Forest has scorched 20 acres and was zero percent contained.

“We’ve noticed a battle, a battle between topography and winds,” Angeles National Forest Deputy Fire Chief Tim Dunfee told ABC7. “Winds were downslope about 5 mph, but the fire was wanting to burn upslope. So the two were battling each other, moderating fire behavior.”

The fire’s rate of spread has slowed and no evacuations were in place and no homes were threatened, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

The fire, which began Friday evening, was burning near Shinn Road and was moving south and west.

Los Angeles County Fire Department crews and two helicopters were called in to assist in the firefight.

The Mount Baldy and **San Bernardino County Fire** Departments were also fighting the fire.

<https://mynewsLA.com/life/2018/11/03/fire-breaks-out-near-mount-baldy-20-acres-burned/>

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## Wildfire near Mt. Baldy grows to 20 acres, but no homes are at risk

Angel Jennings, Los Angeles Times

Posted: November 2, 2018, 10:35 pm



A brush fire above Claremont and Upland has grown to about 20 acres Friday evening. (Irfan Khan/Los Angeles Times /)

A small brush fire started near Mt. Baldy on Friday but no homes are in its immediate path.

The blaze, which started near Mountain Avenue and Shinn Road, was reported about 7:30 p.m. in a forested area and has grown to 20 acres, according to Ed Pickett, a supervising fire dispatcher with the Los Angeles County Fire.

No homes are immediately threatened, he said.

“Heavy fuel with rapid rate of spread,” **San Bernardino County Fire** Department posted on its Twitter account. “Threat to National Forest.”

Fire crews from Los Angeles County, Angeles National Forest and San Bernardino County were sent to fight the blaze.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-mt-baldy-fire-20181102-story.html>

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## **Fire breaks out near Mt. Baldy; some 20 acres charred as crews respond**

JONAH VALDEZ, San Gabriel Valley Tribune

Posted: November 2, 2018, 9:32 pm



Firefighters work the San Fire at the command post south of the fire, burning near Mt. Baldy and Shinn Roads just south of the town of Mt. Baldy, on Friday, November 2, 2018. (Photo by Jennifer Cappuccio Maher, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

A wildfire broke out Friday night in a forested area near Mt. Baldy, charring as many as 20 acres as fire crews quickly responded to try to quell the flames

The blaze, which broke out around 7:30 p.m., had burned 10 to 20 acres near Mountain Avenue and Shinn Road, said Jeremy Stafford, a dispatch supervisor with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Crews had containment at 5 percent as of 9:45 p.m.

Los Angeles County fire officials responded to a call about the fire. No structures are threatened and no injuries were reported.

While Angeles National Forest officials were leading the operation, Stafford said more than 20 fire engines and two helicopters are providing support. Officials with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department are also assisting.

At around 9:30 p.m., Angeles National Forest officials announced that the fire's rate of spread had slowed. The cause wasn't immediately known.

Both sides of Mountain Avenue and Mt. Baldy Road from Fergus falls were closed to traffic due to the fire.

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2018/11/02/fire-breaks-out-near-mt-baldy-some-20-acres-charred-as-crews-respond/>



## 20-Acre Brush Fire Ignites Near Mount Baldy

Brian Day, KTLA 5 News

Posted: November 2, 2018, 8:18 pm

A brush fire grew to cover 20 acres after breaking out near Mount Baldy Friday evening, authorities said.

San Bernardino County, Los Angeles County and Angeles National Forest firefighters responded to the wildfire, which was first reported shortly before 8 p.m. at Shinn and Mt. Baldy roads, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department announced via social media.

It was being dubbed the San Fire.

The fast-spreading blaze grew to 10 acres by 8:15 p.m., Los Angeles County Fire Department Dispatch Supervisor Ed Pickett said. The fire was working its way uphill, officials added.

It had scorched about 20 acres by 9 p.m., officials said. But at that point, its rate of speed had slowed.

The flames were 0 percent contained, and fire crews would remain on scene to continue battling them overnight.

No structures were immediately threatened, officials added.

<https://ktla.com/2018/11/02/brush-fire-ignites-near-mount-baldy/>

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## 2 men stabbed at the Raintree Gardens in Adelanto

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

Posted: November 2, 2018



(Photo by Lala Denson)

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Two men were stabbed at an Adelanto apartment complex that's recently made headlines after San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Jahn was shot there in October.

At about 2:30 pm, on November 1, 2018, emergency personnel responded to the Raintree Gardens Apartments at 18125 Bellflower Street and located two male victims suffering from stab wounds.

Firefighters at the scene requested a helicopter to land at the scene and transport one of the victims to a trauma center. The second patient was rushed off by ground ambulance to a local area hospital.



Deputies from the Victor Valley Sheriff's Station taped-off a large section of the outdoor parking structure with crime scene tape.

Residents told Victor Valley News the two men stabbed are brothers and both were cut up pretty badly.

Sheriff's officials haven't released any details on the stabbing and it's unknown if any suspect or suspects were arrested.

This is a developing story and additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/2-men-stabbed-at-the-raintree-gardens-in-adelanto/>

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## **San Bernardino County Fire Department takes over in Hesperia**

**Rene Ray De La Cruz, Daily Press**

Posted: November 2, 2018, 5:53 pm

HESPERIA — The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officially assumed responsibility for the city's Fire Protection District on Thursday, which includes emergency medical and ambulance services.

Residents of Hesperia will continue to receive regular fire services, including emergency medical and ambulance services. The annexation was approved by the county's Local Agency Formation Commission in June.

"The annexation does a lot of things, including the city's general fund receiving nearly \$800,000 a year to take care of our pension obligations and the rebuilding of a fire station," Mayor Bill Holland said.

The annexation increases the city's general tax revenue from 1.59 percent to 3.50 percent. The increase in funds will pay for pensions that came from the former Hesperia Fire Protection District, the city reported.

"Completion of the annexation process means property taxes that were once paid to the county will now go to Hesperia's general fund," Holland said. "This will more than double the city's property tax revenue, which is a very good thing."

The annexation involves nearly \$3.5 million in property tax revenue that had been previously collected by HFPD and transferred to the county, along with revenue from other sources of just over \$5.3 million. The cost of providing services to Hesperia is approximately \$11.2 million, city staff said.

All fire stations and facilities will remain open, the city said, and residents will continue to receive the current level of services to 42,000 properties over 73.2 square miles.

On May 15, LAFCO held a public hearing to consider the city's application. During that time, Holland and Councilman Paul Russ spoke in favor of the annexation and praised the county for consenting to the annexation without the application of Fire Protection District 5, relieving Hesperia property owners of an additional annual parcel tax.

"The parcel tax would have been \$157 a year plus a 3 percent inflation adjuster each year," Russ said. "That's a tax our residents don't need."

LAFCO voted unanimously to approve the annexation earlier this year after a review of the application and receiving input from representatives of both the county and city.

Since 2016, the city has worked to close the examine all options to close the gap in funding shortfalls in the fire district, staff reported

In 2016, personnel responded to more than ten thousand requests for advanced life support and more than seven hundred fires, city staff reported.

“This annexation is a win, win, win situation for our citizens, the taxpayer’s the county and the city of Hesperia,” Russ said.

Residents with questions regarding burn permits or other fire department related matters are asked to contact the San Bernardino County Fire Administrative Office at 760-947-8023.

Questions about permits relating to a development project in Hesperia are asked to contact the city’s Building and Safety Division at 760-947-1311.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20181102/san-bernardino-county-fire-department-takes-over-in-hesperia>

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## **Daylight saving: Change your clock and change your batteries on Nov. 4**

Tracey Martinez, San Bernardino County Fire, Fontana Herald News

Posted: November 2, 2018

Sunday, Nov. 4 is the end of Daylight Saving Time. It’s time to “fall back” one hour.

When you change your clocks, it is also time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. While phones, computers, and tablets may change themselves, it’s up to you to keep yourself and your family safe by changing your smoke alarm batteries.

Working smoke alarms save lives, that tell-tale beeping can get everyone out safely and avoid tragedy.

Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

But, the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

An alarm should be installed on every floor of your home, in every bedroom, and outside of all sleeping areas.

Here are some tips for installing smoke alarms:

- The best place to mount your smoke alarm is on the ceiling
- Keep smoke alarms at least 4-6 inches away from the nearest wall
- Always test your newly installed smoke alarm
- If you cannot mount the alarm on the ceiling, install it high on the wall 4-12 inches from the ceiling

It’s simple: the more alarms you have, the greater your chances are of surviving a fire. Don’t skimp on smoke alarms around the home!

However, just installing a smoke alarm is NOT enough. It needs to be tested monthly and the batteries changed every year. You should also replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.

In addition to working smoke alarms, every household should have an evacuation plan. Practice it! Make sure everyone knows how to get out and where to meet. Never go back inside a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the dispatcher when you call 911. Firefighters have the proper training to perform rescues.

A working smoke alarm can decrease a family's risk of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Batteries from household smoke alarms may be recycled at your nearest household hazardous waste recycling facility.

For a list of household hazardous waste locations and additional fire safety information, visit [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

(Tracey Martinez is the public information officer for the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.)

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/opinion/daylight-saving-change-your-clock-and-change-your-batteries-on/article\\_a486eae2-debb-11e8-b91e-5f0b2b8a386f.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/opinion/daylight-saving-change-your-clock-and-change-your-batteries-on/article_a486eae2-debb-11e8-b91e-5f0b2b8a386f.html)

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## **Public invited to live fire airport firefighter training**

Staff Writer, Highland Community News

Posted: November 2, 2018



Firefighters use hand lines to knock down the fire at the San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center during live fire training exercises.

The public is invited to view live fire burn training for aircraft rescue and firefighting that will take place on Nov. 6 and 8 at the San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center at 2235 E. Perimeter Rd., San Bernardino. The training is on special skills and tactics firefighters must master to meet Federal Aviation Administration part 139 requirements for firefighters serving at airports.

The training center is a state-of-art aircraft rescue and firefighting training facility that trains fire professionals domestically and internationally utilizing the latest in curriculum and equipment, setting the standard in aircraft and rescue firefighting (ARFF).

The public is welcome to view this evening training from 5 p.m. to 8 pm. Spectators can bring lawn chairs for the designated public area at 2235 E. Perimeter Road, San Bernardino International Airport.

The San Bernardino Emergency Training Center is a the Joint Powers Authority, which is comprised of the San Bernardino Community College District, Crafton Hills College and the **County of San Bernardino Fire Department**.

For more information, call (909) 389-3208.

[https://www.highlandnews.net/news/public\\_safety/public-invited-to-live-fire-airport-firefighter-training/article\\_f52ddad6-deb7-11e8-82a6-57eebfa08175.html](https://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/public-invited-to-live-fire-airport-firefighter-training/article_f52ddad6-deb7-11e8-82a6-57eebfa08175.html)