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Tow truck crashes on Highway 18 in Lucerne Valley, 2 airlifted

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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(photo by Troy Seagondollar)

LUCERNE VALLEY, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Two people were critically injured and several others hurt after a tow truck they were traveling in lost control and crashed 60 feet down an embankment Sunday afternoon.

It happened at 2:18 pm, on Sunday, January 6, 2019, on Highway 18 near the Mitsubishi Cement Plant in Lucerne Valley.

According to California Highway Patrol incident logs, a “Blue Sky Towing” flatbed truck out of Hesperia, CA was hauling a white full-size van when it left the roadway and crashed 60 feet down an embankment.

First responders arrived and located the van and tow truck with major damaged, lodged near large boulders and two occupants requiring extrication.

San Bernardino County Firefighters performed extensive extrication to remove the two people trapped inside the mangled wreck.

Victor Valley News Group member Troy Seagondollar witnessed the crash and said the tow truck was coming down the hill and he could see the truck’s brakes were smoking.

“I was behind him and knew he was in trouble when the truck accelerated. He couldn’t make 20mph sharp turn at the bottom and flew into the ditch. The van on the flatbed came forward and crushed the cab,” stated Seagondollar.

Firefighters requested two medical helicopters to transport two patients with critical injuries.

The helicopters landed near the scene at the cement plant and airlifted two people to out of area trauma centers. Two juveniles patients with less serious injuries were also transported to local hospitals.

The official cause of the crash is currently under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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

<https://www.vvng.com/tow-truck-crashes-on-highway-18-in-lucerne-valley-2-airlifted/>

19-year-old woman ejected in rollover crash on Highway 395

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(Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A 19-year-female was flown to a trauma center in critical condition after she was ejected during a crash Sunday.

Just before 10:30 am, on January 6, 2019, emergency crews were dispatched to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 395, south of Main Street.

First responders arrived on scene and located a black 2008 Chevy Cobalt with major damage crashed along the dirt shoulder of the northbound lane facing south.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded and requested helicopter H325 to airlift a 19-year-old female that was ejected during the rollover crash.

The condition of the female is unknown at this time.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Hesperia Sheriff's Station. Anyone with information is asked to call (760)947-1500.

<https://www.vvng.com/19-year-old-woman-ejected-in-rollover-crash-on-highway-395/>

Victorville family displaced after vehicle crashes into their home Sunday night

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A family of five was displaced after a vehicle crashed into their home on Sunday night.

It happened at about 9:15 pm, when 911 dispatch received reports of a vehicle into a house with extrication in the 9900 block of Duncan Road.

First responders arrived on scene and found the vehicle, a 2003 Infiniti lodged inside a double-wide mobile home.

The driver of the vehicle had self-extricated and a female passenger remained trapped and required extrication.

Due to her injuries, firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** requested helicopter H325 to land at Baldy Mesa Middle School.

The woman was transported by ground ambulance to the soccer field at the school and subsequently airlifted to Antelope Valley Hospital with unknown injuries.

A representative with the American Red Cross was notified to respond and assist two adults and three children that were displaced from their home. Officials confirmed the family was inside their home at the time of the crash and none of them were injured.

Building & Safety was also requested to respond to check the integrity of the structure.

At this time its unknown if drugs or alcohol were a factor in the crash.

The California Highway Patrol Victorville Office is handling the investigating into the incident.

<https://www.vvng.com/victorville-family-displaced-after-vehicle-crashes-into-their-home-sunday-night/>

San Bernardino woman identified as victim of mountain paraglider crash

Richard K. DeAtley, Press Enterprise

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A woman who died when she crashed into a mountainside near Crestline after taking off in a paraglider has been identified as Lua Pepper, 44, of San Bernardino, the San Bernardino County Coroner's office said.

Pepper was found dead about 9 p.m. Friday, after the accident was reported to dispatchers at 5:14 p.m., the coroner said.

Pepper had taken off near an area known as the Crestline Hang Glider and Paraglider Launch, west of Highway 138 in the San Bernardino Mountains.

A caller said that after she launched she had struck the mountainside near Playground Drive and Summit Drive.

Sheriff's deputies on the ground and in the air, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and the sheriff's San Bernardino Mountain Search and Rescue Team attempted to rescue the woman but found her dead, sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Bachman said Saturday.

The incident was being investigated by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Twin Peaks station, the coroner said.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/01/06/san-bernardino-woman-identified-as-mountain-paraglider-crash-victim/>

Paraglider dies in crash in San Bernardino Mountains

Brian Rokos, Press Enterprise

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A San Bernardino County sheriff's search and rescue team works on its gear Jan. 4, 2019, near Crestline, where it found a paraglider who had fatally crashed into a mountainside. (Courtesy of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Volunteer Forces)

A paraglider was found dead Friday, Jan. 4, after she crashed into a mountainside near Crestline, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said.

The pilot had taken off near an area known as the Crestline Hang Glider and Paraglider Launch, west of Highway 138 in the San Bernardino Mountains. A caller reported at 5:14 p.m. that the paraglider launched and then struck the mountainside near Playground Drive and Summit Drive, and was not moving, sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Bachman said Saturday.

Sheriff's deputies on the ground and in the air, **the San Bernardino County Fire** Department and the sheriff's San Bernardino Mountain Search and Rescue Team attempted to rescue the woman but found her dead, Bachman said.

The woman's identity had not been announced Saturday. Her body was being recovered Saturday, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Volunteer Forces said in a Twitter message.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department had not responded to a request for information as of Saturday afternoon.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/01/05/paraglider-dies-in-crash-in-san-bernardino-mountains/>

Traffic collision takes place in northern Fontana on Jan. 4

Mike Myers, Fontana Herald

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A two-car traffic collision took place in northern Fontana on Jan. 4. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A two-car traffic accident occurred in the northern area of Fontana on Jan. 4.

The Fontana Police Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the crash at about 12:25 p.m. at Beech Avenue and Falcon Ridge.

A beige 2005 Nissan Sentra and a 2018 black Honda Accord collided in the intersection, which is controlled by a signal.

Witnesses said the driver of the Accord was heading northbound on Beech and attempted to make a U-turn and collided with the Sentra.

Both drivers and a passenger complained of minor pain, but declined medical aid.

The Fontana P.D. is handling the investigation.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/traffic-collision-takes-place-in-northern-fontana-on-jan/article_3b007d76-111b-11e9-bd18-3f273e010c8d.html

Teen shot in Victorville on Thursday night

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A 15-year-old teen boy was allegedly shot during a drive-byshooting Thursday night.

It happened at about 9:15 pm, on January 3, 2019, in the 15900 block of La Verida Court in Victorville.

Sheriff's deputies along with **San Bernardino County Fire** were requested to respond reference a shooting victim at the location and found a male with a gunshot wound.

A witness who spoke on condition of anonymity said they saw a group of teens outside of a house party on La Verida and several gunshots were heard sending the teens running in several directions.

Neighbors called 911 requesting medical help for a 15-year-old male that was down on the sidewalk suffering from a gunshot wound to his thigh, the witness said.

The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non life-threatening injuries. Police remained at the scene until about 11:00 pm, collecting evidence including multiple empty shell casings.

According to the witness, the incident is being investigated as a drive-by shooting and no arrest have been made. Sheriff's officials have not released any information into the incident.

The Victorville Police Department is handling the investigation and anyone with information is asked to call (760)241-2911.

<https://www.vvng.com/teen-shot-in-victorville-on-thursday-night/>

LAWSUITS TO INVALIDATE THE FP-5 FIRE TAX PROGRESSING: AN UPDATE

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While the county is set to impose property owners in the newly expanded 19,000-square-mile fire protection district, FP-5, with an additional \$157 per parcel assessment starting November 2019, two lawsuits that seek to invalidate the charge are scheduled to be heard in the courts. Reporter Mike Lipsitz has this update on progress of the lawsuits...

The court will hear a motion seeking to halt the expansion of the FP-5 district and the associated tax on January 16. The main plaintiff, San Diego-based non-profit Red Brennan Group, along with individuals and community groups from Homestead, Lucerne, and Johnson valleys, contend that the fire assessment approved by county supervisors last October violates the state constitution by imposing a special tax circumventing the required approval by a two-thirds vote by the electorate.

Plaintiffs go on to claim as invalid the county's assertion that voter approval was not required since those in the expanded 19,000 square miles were annexed to a district that was already paying the fire assessment. A second lawsuit brought by an individual plaintiff, Paul Austin, also seeks to invalidate the assessment. That case is expected to be heard March 14. For its part, the county is relying on the assessment to pay down a \$30 million budget shortfall to pay for fire protection services.

<http://z1077fm.com/lawsuits-to-invalidate-the-fp-5-fire-tax-progressing-an-update-2/>