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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A traffic collision Saturday night left two people critically injured.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a crash involving a green pickup truck and a white van at the intersection of Rock Springs Road and Glendale Avenue on November 14, 2020 at about 7:15 PM.

Firefighters had to use the jaws of life to free one person from the van who was trapped after the crash.

Alison Ganzer and her uncle stopped to assist with traffic control while an off-duty nurse and EMT remained with the injured until first responders arrived.

“"The guy in the truck was unconscious, the other one [was] not responsive,"” Ganzer wrote in a Facebook post.

The two occupants were extricated then taken by ambulance to the Hesperia Airport and then flown to trauma centers.

One helicopter transported a victim to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, and a second helicopter flew to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Authorities shut down a stretch of Rock Springs Road for an investigation.

As of Sunday morning, the condition of the victims and cause of the crash is unknown.

Tonight’s meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will start at 5:30 p.m. with a closed session meeting. Council members will confer with legal counsel over pending litigation by Thomas Geiger, who was driving when his car was hit by a Sheriff’s deputy in a patrol car in October 2019. The collision killed Geiger’s passenger, Robert Barajas, 24, of Yucca Valley. Managing editor Tami Roleff fills in the rest of the tonight’s Town Council agenda…

Tonight’s meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will begin with presentations by Mara’s Christmas Wish and an introduction of the newly promoted County Assistant Fire Chief Scott Tuttle. The council will then hold a public hearing on public facility development impact fees. The council will then appoint new youth commissioners and discuss whether the criteria for appointing commissioners should be modified. Council members will also discuss a proposed event meeting space on Elk Trail in Old Town. Tonight’s meeting starts at 6 p.m. in the Yucca Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center, or watch it online at yucca-valley.org.

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A single-engine aircraft crashed along the Santa Ana River near the San Bernardino International Airport on Friday evening after an apparent engine failure. (Photo by OnScene TV)

A single-engine airplane crashed along the Santa Ana River near San Bernardino International Airport on Friday evening after an apparent engine failure, leaving the pilot with minor injuries, authorities said.

The pilot was the only person on board the Cessna 152, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The airport’s control tower received a transmission from the pilot who declared the engine failure about 8:02 p.m., said Eric Sherwin, spokesman for the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

The airplane was cleared to land at the airport’s runway 6, but did not make it there, crashing about one mile south, next to the Santa Ana River in an industrial area near East Cooley Avenue, Sherwin said.

Firefighters located the plane and extricated the pilot, who was alert and talking, Sherwin said. The man was hospitalized.

The plane was wrecked, twisted amid thick brush.

Equipment belonging to a railway company also was damaged in the crash, Sherwin said. A county hazardous-materials team also reported to the crash site to prevent leaking plane fuel from spilling into the river.

The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the cause of the crash.

Pilot survives after small plane crashes near San Bernardino International Airport
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A pilot of a small plane survived after the aircraft experienced engine failure and crashed in San Bernardino Friday night authorities said.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (KABC) -- The pilot of a small plane survived after the aircraft experienced engine failure and crashed in San Bernardino Friday night, authorities said.

The crash was reported sometime around 8 p.m., but responding firefighters did not find any fire once they found the wreckage in a wash behind some buildings on the 800 block of E. Cooley Avenue.

The pilot notified the control tower at the San Bernardino International Airport that the plane was experiencing engine failure and planned to land on one of the airport's runways, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

TV crews from the A&E show "Live Rescue" also responded to the emergency call and captured paramedics treating the pilot at the scene.

The aircraft, a Cessna 152, was located a few miles from the airport. The pilot was pulled from the plane's wreckage with a head injury and was taken to nearby Loma Linda University Medical Center. Additional details about his condition were not immediately available.

Authorities said initial reports suggested there was somebody else on the plane but the pilot was the sole occupant of the aircraft.

Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board will now work to determine the cause of the crash.