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- Landers Rollover Crash Injures 3
- Woman, Two Dogs Killed in Roll-Over Crash in Landers Saturday
- Historical Highlight: The Day They Burned Down the Joshua Tree Fire Station
We have limited information about a rollover crash in Landers that injured three people Saturday. First responders were called to the two-vehicle crash near Acoma Trail and Sunnyslope Drive about 1:45 p.m. where they found one vehicle on its side. Morongo Basin Ambulance transported two victims to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs—the 29-year-old male driver and sole occupant of one vehicle, and a female passenger in the rolled-over vehicle. County firefighters transported the male driver of the rolled vehicle to Desert Hospital. Conditions were too windy for helicopters to transport the victims. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the crash.

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We have more information about a crash in Landers Saturday that ended up killing a woman and two dogs and injuring two men. About 1:45 p.m., Joshua Stricklin, 42, of Glendale was driving a black 2020 Jeep Wrangler westbound on Encantado Road. Inside the Wrangler with Stricklin were Natalie Greer Bishop, 31, also of Glendale, and two large dogs. As Stricklin traveled through the uncontrolled intersection of Acoma Trail, the Wrangler was broadsided on the passenger side by a 1995 red Jeep Cherokee, driven by Jeremy Alexander, 29, of Landers, who was driving southbound on Acoma Trail at a stated speed of 35 miles per hour. The force of the impact caused the Wrangler to overturn into a chain link fence on the southwest corner of the intersection, coming to rest on its right side. The two dogs were thrown through the open top of the Wrangler and were dead when first responders arrived. Natalie Greer Bishop, who was wearing a seat belt, received major injuries and was transported by Morongo Basin Ambulance to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs where she died from her injuries. Greer Bishop was a successful actress in film and TV and a location scout. Jeremy Alexander and Joshua Stricklin, who were not wearing their seat belts, also sustained major injuries and were taken by ambulance to Desert Hospital. Neither drugs nor alcohol appear to be a factor in the crash. Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to contact California Highway Patrol Officer Brooks at 760-366-3707.

On April 23, 1994, passersby in the Village of Joshua Tree watched as firefighters burned down the Joshua Tree fire station, a building that had stood for the past 45 years. While the sight may have seemed odd to many, the fire was in fact a fitting end to the historic building. In this historic look back, reporter Andrew Dieleman shares the important story of the Joshua Tree Fire Department building and the time capsule tradition that continues to this day…

On February 12, 1950, the Village of Joshua Tree dedicated its very own volunteer fire station building. Included in the ceremony was the placement of a time capsule, which contained local newspapers, brochures, photos, letters, poetry, and a jar of pennies in the building’s cornerstone. Over the next 45 years, the building became earthquake damaged and was deemed unusable. In 1994, the building was used for a major California Department of Forestry fire fighter training exercise, effectively destroying the building while offering one final training opportunity to firefighters. But first, the original time capsule was removed, and its contents displayed at the Joshua Tree Community Center. The modern Joshua Tree Fire Station #36 now stands in its place, which was also dedicated with a time capsule in its cornerstone.

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