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A man died in a traffic collision on Interstate 10 in Fontana on April 3, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner's Division.

At 11:10 p.m., California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel were dispatched to I-10 near Sierra Avenue to investigate the report of a single vehicle traffic collision.

The driver of the vehicle, Rafael Torres, a 37-year-old resident of San Bernardino, was confirmed deceased at 11:23 p.m. by Fire Department personnel.

The CHP is investigating the incident.

Vegetation fire near San Antonio Heights stopped at 20 acres
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Los Angeles County fire crews battle a vegetation fire on the hillside near the San Antonio Heights neighborhood near Upland on Sunday, April 4. (Photo by Quinn Wilson, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Crews on Sunday afternoon stopped the growth of a vegetation fire that broke out near the San Antonio Heights hillside above Upland.

Firefighters were dispatched to the base of Mt. Baldy at 3:18 p.m., and spotted flames burning through medium-sized brush near Mountain Avenue, San Bernardino County Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said. The Mountain fire had grown to about five acres as of 4:50 p.m. By about 5:50 p.m. it was measured at 20 acres and its forward progress in the state responsibility area had been stopped, the Cal Fire San Bernardino Unit said.

Mop-up and other work on the fire would continue through the night, Cal Fire said.

No injuries or structure damage were reported.

The blaze consisted of separate clusters of flames, some of which grew between 20 and 30 feet tall as light winds blew through surrounding foothills. The fire had crested over a hilltop as it spread deeper into the forest to the north. Plumes of smoke were visible from the 15 Freeway.

No structures were immediately threatened, McClintock said. However, crews stationed in the unincorporated San Antonio Heights neighborhood were prepared to defend several large homes north and east of the fire.

Ground and air crews from the Angeles and San Bernardino national forests, the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County Fire Departments and Cal Fire worked along extremely steep terrain, McClintock said. Planes dropped bright red flame retardant onto the mountainside as teams of firefighters attempted to surround the flames.

Mountain Avenue was shut down between Euclid Street and Mt. Baldy Road while firefighters attempted to douse the fire. Upland police were stationed at Euclid and directing motorists away from the area.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Saturday Morning Fire in Twentynine Palms Deemed Suspicious
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The San Bernardino County Fire Department has determined that a structure fire in Twentynine Palms early Saturday morning is suspicious in nature. Firefighters from Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, and the Combat Center were called at 1:10 a.m. to the 3900 block of Morongo Road where they found a detached garage fully involved with smoke and flames. Fire crews had the blaze knocked down in less than 10 minutes.

County Fire Battalion Chief Bob Evans said the residence—a mobile home—had burned down about a year ago. He added that there were no utilities to the site, making the cause of the fire suspicious.

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A travel trailer being towed went up in flames Thursday. According to County Fire Battalion Chief Bob Evans, the 20-foot travel trailer was being towed on Pioneertown Road, near Short Road, when it began to smoke, and then ignited about 6:20 p.m. The flames spread to nearby vegetation, but firefighters were able to keep the spread to a small area.

The trailer is a complete loss, and the cause of the blaze is unknown.