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Fatal Pick-Up Truck Pulling RV Trailer Rollover Crash in Hesperia NB I-15

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HESPERIA, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> California Highway Patrol was alerted to a single-vehicle rollover involving a pickup truck pulling a travel trailer on northbound Interstate 15 about a mile after the Main Street exit in Hesperia Saturday morning.

California Highway Patrol and firefighters from **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the traffic accident. The crash happened Saturday morning at about 9:50am on May 15, 2021. The initial investigation indicates that a black Chevrolet Avalanche pulling a travel trailer was traveling north on Interstate 15 when for an unknown reason it lost control and rolled into the center guardrail. The truck and the trailer jackknifed. Both were on their sides, blocking the fast lane and part of the #2 lane.

A minor male child was a passenger in the pickup and was reported to be ejected from the truck. Despite life-saving rescue measures, officials said the child was pronounced deceased at the scene. No other injuries were reported in the incident. This incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol Victorville Office. CHP says additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

From witness stated the trailer was fishtailing in the slow lane and was going the speed limit.

Update the boy has been ID, as a 12-year-old male Alexander Jacob Westendorf from Hesperia.

<https://paininthepass.info/2021/05/15/fatal-pick-up-truck-pulling-rv-trailer-rollover-crash-in-hesperia-nb-i-15/>

UPDATE: Person killed in crash on 15 freeway in Hesperia

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UPDATE: Witnesses stated the person who passed away was a young boy and not a woman as initially reported. However, officials have not confirmed. This is a developing story and additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

—original article —

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A person was killed Saturday morning in a crash on the 15 freeway in Hesperia.

The call was dispatched just before 10 a.m., Saturday, May 15, on the northbound 15 freeway about half-mile north of Main Street.

When San Bernardino County Fire arrived on scene, they located a pickup truck with major damage and an overturned trailer that was being hauled by the pickup truck.

Despite life saving measures, firefighters pronounced a woman dead at the scene.

The California Highway Patrol logs confirmed that the #1 and #2 lane was blocked. Traffic in the immediate area is severely backed up for several miles as a result of the crash.

“His trailer was swerving, I wanted to slow down to tell him, but it was too late. He wasn’t going fast and was in the slow lane,” Vane Garcia commented on a Victor Valley News Facebook post.

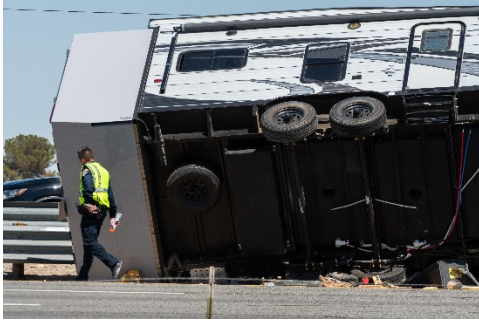
No further details were immediately available. CHP – Victorville office – is investigating the crash.

<https://www.vvng.com/woman-killed-in-crash-on-15-freeway-in-hesperia/>

Hesperia boy, 10, killed in crash involving travel trailer on Interstate 15

Martin Estacio, Victorville Daily Press

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A California Highway Patrol officer walks next to a trailer on its side after a fatal crash on Interstate 15 in Hesperia on Saturday, May 15, 2021.
Martin Estacio/The Daily Press

A single-vehicle crash on Interstate 15 in Hesperia killed a 10-year-old boy Saturday morning and overturned a vehicle and travel trailer.

The San Bernardino Sheriff's Department said the boy, Alexander Jacob Westendorf of Hesperia, was a passenger, but did not say whether he had been riding in the vehicle or the trailer.

San Bernardino County Fire Battalion Chief Steve Tracy said firefighters at the scene said the boy had been ejected.

The crash happened around 9:49 a.m. less than a mile north of Main Street, according to California Highway Patrol logs. Both the trailer and vehicle were on their sides in the shoulder off the No. 1 lane. A yellow tarp covered the boy's body near the shoulder.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/accident/2021/05/15/1-killed-after-crash-involving-travel-trailer-interstate-15-hesperia/5111142001/>

Horse Dies in Stable Fire

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Hesperia, CA - On Saturday, May 15th, 2021 just after 10:00 p.m. a horse died from a stable fire at 9900 block of Choiceana Ave in the city Hesperia, CA High Desert San Bernardino County.

Three other horses were hurt, San Bernardino County Sheriff deputies showed up first on scene with fire extinguishers to help evacuate horses along with **San Bernardino County** Fire Dept. which also quickly put out the fire.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAz25QVrthE>

Calif. city to hire 6 FF-medics to fully staff station for 1st time in 12 years

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The city of Victorville, Calif. has approved the hiring of six firefighter-paramedics to fully staff the Victorville Fire Department's Station 315 for the first time since it was built in 2009. (Photo/City of Victorville)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. — Victorville plans to reopen a fire station in the southwestern part of the city, a move that officials believe will improve response time for emergencies in the area.

The City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved the hiring of six firefighter-paramedics who will staff Victorville Fire Department's Station 315 on Eucalyptus Street near Sunset Ridge Park.

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When the station opens later this year, it will mark the first time the facility has been used on a full-time basis since its construction in 2009.

That year, the city contracted its fire services to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**. Victorville later returned to running its own department in 2019.

"Fire Station 315 was not previously open or operational due to monetary issues caused in large part by the Great Recession," city spokesperson Sue Jones said in an email Thursday.

According to City Manager Keith Metzler, the closest fire engine currently takes more than five minutes to respond to calls in 315's coverage area.

"So this will definitely beef up our ability to attend to any medical issues, certainly in the southwestern part of town," he said.

The new hires will run a two-person, full-time crew using a medic squad vehicle until the city purchases a new fire engine for the station.

Metzler said the city plans to reopen the station by July 3.

The reopening is one of several goals staff laid out in a public safety plan presented to the City Council last year, which spurred the placing of Measure P on the November 2020 ballot.

Voters passed the one-cent sales tax measure. It went into effect April 1.

Initially, though, the new firefighters' salaries will not be funded via Measure P funds. Instead, their hiring, which will cost more than \$45,000 for the month of June, will be covered by savings from a vacant chief position, according to a staff report.

Measure P funds will be used to purchase the new engine for the station, equipment that Metzler said could take a year or longer to secure.

The Measure P Oversight Committee must first submit a letter to the City Council, "advising if the City has complied with" the measure's intent before a recommendation for the purchase can be made, officials said.

The committee held its first meeting on Thursday.

The new engine is expected to cost an estimated \$700,000. Once the engine is purchased and placed at the station, a three-person crew would replace the medic squad and staff the station full time.

John Mendiola, the city's budget officer, said Measure P revenue could start to arrive as early as "late June, early July."

<https://www.firerescue1.com/staffing/articles/calif-city-to-hire-6-ff-medics-to-fully-staff-station-for-1st-time-in-12-years-BAecRwhZjo33zm47/>

Firebugs beware: Dinty the dog joins San Bernardino County Fire's arson team

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Dinty, **San Bernardino County Fire's** arson dog, rolls in the grass during training as handler, Fire Investigator Shawn Reiss, kneels next to. Courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire Department.

Firebugs beware. Dinty the dog is on duty.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department announced Thursday that the 4-year-old male Labrador retriever had joined its investigation team with the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Dinty is the first arson, or accelerant detection, canine that the department has had in more than 20 years since Meg, who County Fire Chief Dan Munsey described as being “really good at catching arsonists and putting them behind bars where they needed to be.”

Dinty is also one of only five dogs across California trained through a State Farm Insurance program and the lone animal with such training in the county.

“(San Bernardino County) investigators conducted 755 ... fire investigations last year,” Munsey said in a statement. “Programs such as this are important tools in solving arson crimes and getting arsonists off the streets.”

San Bernardino County Fire Investigator Shawn Reiss and arson dog Dinty.

From 2010 to 2014, about 261,000 intentionally set fires were reported to fire departments across the U.S. resulting in 440 deaths, 1,310 injuries and \$1 billion in property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Authorities said accelerant detection canines “played a crucial role in determining the cause of many of these fires.”

Arson dogs are trained to sniff out minute traces of ignitable liquids such as gasoline and lighter fluid and can assist in cold cases and uncovering evidence.

“Their senses are extraordinary, capable of hitting on a drop of accelerant and can detect flammable liquids over 100 times more accurately than electronic gas detectors,” Fire Marshal Mike Horton said.

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Funding for Dinty came through a partnership with the State Farm Arson Training Scholarship, which provides about \$25,000 to send a dog and handler through training in Concord, New Hampshire.

Officials said Dinty and his handler, Fire Investigator Shawn Reiss, recently came back from the 4-week course and went through 200 hours of intense training. Reiss and Dinty must also complete a 2-day recertification class every year to remain accredited.

“Dinty and I are ready to use the training we have received to assist with solving these hideous and deadly crimes,” Reiss said. “We are also looking forward to getting involved in community outreach programs that focus on fire prevention and safety.”

Dinty will live and work with Reiss. The county’s Arson Canine Program is a five-year commitment with an annual estimated cost of \$16,000, according to the department.

Marshal Horton described Dinty as another “tool” for fire investigators.

“Hopefully, arsonists will get the idea that we’re not playing games,” he said. “We’re out here to convict arsonists and we will find them and we will use every tool in the toolbox to do that.”

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/fire/2021/05/15/firebugs-beware-dinty-dog-joins-san-bernardino-county-fires-arson-team/5100354001/>

Hot Shots 5/21

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Photo by Tod Sudmeier

BEXAR COUNTY, TX, FEB. 19—First-due crews of the Bexar-Bulverde Volunteer Fire Department initiated an aggressive interior attack on what turned out to be a five-alarm fire at an apartment complex amid wintry conditions. While checking for extension, members found heavy fire throughout the walls of the complex. An order to abandon the interior attack and to take a defensive posture was issued when frozen and dead hydrants restricted water pressure. Command ultimately requested a Tender Task Force from fire departments in both Bexar County and Guadalupe County to start tanker shuttle operations. Among the departments that provided mutual aid were the Bergheim Volunteer Fire Department, the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department, Bulverde Spring Branch Fire & EMS, the Geronimo Volunteer Fire Department, the San Antonio Fire Department, Schertz Fire Rescue and Shavano Park Fire & EMS.

LOS ANGELES, APRIL 3—One hundred and seventy Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) firefighters were on scene to extinguish a fire in a single-story row of at least three commercial buildings under a contiguous roof. The inside of the structure turned out to be more complicated than the initial expectation that firefighters would encounter only a furniture manufacturing operation. The approximately four-hour effort to extinguish the fire included the deployment of the department's industrial robotic firefighting vehicle, which is capable of flowing 2,500 gpm and provides high-definition video feedback. When the LAFD debuted the robot in October 2020, it said that large commercial fires were a target for the robot's use.

LOUISVILLE, KY, MARCH 13—Louisville Fire Department firefighters were dispatched to the Old Louisville section of the city, and upon arrival at the Greater New Hope Community Church, crews found heavy smoke and heavy fire. They requested a box, and then a second alarm was struck, because heavy fire was found burning inside. Ultimately, fire burned through the roof, which collapsed partially. Only a defensive attack was called. Approximately one hour and forty-five minutes into the effort, at least 70 firefighters were on scene. The building opened in 1929 as the Keneseth Israel Synagogue. It is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places.

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, APRIL 9—**San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District crews arrived to find smoke showing from the rear of a vacant multistory commercial building. Crews initiated an offensive attack, focusing their effort on a search for potential victims and on locating the fire. Interior crews coordinated their efforts with truck crews on the roof, who performed vertical ventilation. Construction features, downed power lines and forcible entry issues complicated the fire attack. Conditions deteriorated, which led to an operational retreat. At one point, there was an explosion inside of the rear of the building.

Interior crews and truck crews retreated out of the building and off of the roof. The change of strategy brought large volumes of water to be applied to the building from ladder pipes and exterior hose streams.

<https://www.firehouse.com/operations-training/article/21220156/hot-shots-521>

2 SMALL FIRES FRIDAY

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San Bernardino County firefighters responded to two small fires Friday. Battalion Chief Bob Evans said there was a motorhome fire in Western Hills Estates and a rubbish fire in Landers that burned around 100 tires. No additional information was available.

<http://z1077fm.com/2-small-fires-friday/>