

Fatal Roll-Over Crash Leaves 1 Dead On Interstate 40

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NEEDLES, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> A single-vehicle roll-over crash late Friday night on Interstate 40 left one person dead. The crash happened on eastbound I-40 after Water Road just before midnight at about 11:52pm Friday February 4, 2022.

According to California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department a Ford Mustang was found overturned in the center divider in a wash bed. The driver, who was wearing a seatbelt, was confirmed deceased on scene.

Preliminary investigation revealed the driver was driving eastbound on Interstate 40 just after Water Road and reportedly going over 100 mph. For reasons still under investigation the car lost control, leaving the roadway into the center divider and striking the dirt wash. The vehicle overturned and came to rest upside down about 70 feet down the wash.

No further details have been provided at this time. This incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol Needles Office. Please check for updates on this incident.

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Fire destroys Needles building

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Firefighters from multiple agencies battled a commercial building fire in downtown Needles on Friday night.

NEEDLES — An overnight fire destroyed a building in downtown Needles but resulted in no known injuries. The building in the 200 block of F Street, owned by River Valley Air Conditioning, was vacant at the time of the fire, which was reported at 10:13 p.m. PST Friday, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

SBCFD Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said on Twitter on Saturday that the cause of the fire has not been determined. It was believed to have started in the attic of the large building. Units from the SBCFD responded to find smoke and fire shooting from the roofline. Neighbors in the area were using garden hoses to apply water before the arrival of professional firefighters.

SBCFD was joined at the scene by units from the Bullhead City, Mohave Valley and Fort Mojave Mesa fire departments. The Mohave Valley Fire District's rehab team also responded to assist firefighters who were on the scene for more than eight hours.

After initially locating the source of the blaze and performing a search of the building for any possible victims, the firefighting operation switched to defensive, protecting other area buildings. The fire reportedly was contained to the River Valley Air Conditioning structure.

"Building collapse and structural integrity issues complicated the overhaul and investigation portion of the incident," McClintock said.

Parts of the roof had caved in prior to the arrival of firefighters; the front facade facing F Street collapsed a few hours later.

"Due to safety concerns and multiple collapses, a SBCFD heavy equipment team was requested to assist," McClintock said.

That team used equipment to remove portions of the building, giving firefighters access for "total extinguishment," McClintock said. The building was turned over to the City of Needles, which began cleanup and removal on Saturday.

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