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09.17.2022 | 1:40 AM | SAN BERNARDINO - On September 17th at 1:40 AM, San Bernardino County Fire and AMR responded to a traffic collision with extrication near the intersection of N Broadmoor Blvd and E Marshall Blvd in the City of San Bernardino.

Units arrived at the scene and located two victims inside a minivan that had crashed into the back of a parked pickup truck.

The passenger of the minivan van was required to be cut out of the van.

After a 70-minute extraction, the passenger was transported to a local hospital in unknown condition.

The intersection will be closed while PD conducts the crash investigation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC7yG03ZtNQ
Animals return to Big Bear zoo following Radford Fire evacuation
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When evacuation orders were lifted for the Big Bear Alpine Zoo on Sept. 9, and after a quick checkup by the zoo veterinarian, all birds and small mammals were cleared to return to the zoo by that evening after being evacuated to Meadow Park located in Big Bear Valley Recreation and Park District due to the Radford Fire.

Just days earlier, Regional Manager and Zoological Curator Bill Hoffman noticed on Labor Day Monday a plume of smoke billowing behind the area between Bear Mountain and Snow Summit and grew concerned.

“A local social media source confirmed that there was a fire. We kept an eye on it but went about normal business,” said Hoffman.

It wasn’t until the next morning that Hoffman said he noticed the smoke was intensifying and reports confirmed the fire was growing.

“We discussed the fire in our morning meeting and out of an abundance of caution we began to assemble kennels to be prepared in case of evacuation. The birds are extremely susceptible to smoke,” said Hoffman.

When the wind changed direction later that morning, the decision was made to close the zoo to the public and shortly thereafter, around 11:30 a.m., the sheriff’s issued an evacuation order.

All larger animals were moved into their indoor holding and the birds and smaller mammals were kenneled and transported to a gymnasium at Meadow Park, where they spent about three days.
“It’s amazing what our teams can accomplish when called upon,” said Hoffman. “The Sheriff offered us assistance with two covered vehicles. We also had help from (employees) Oscar Mendez, John Gallegos and his wife Molly, who helped receive animals and watch them as they went back and forth in the vans.”

According to the zoo’s evacuation plan, the first step is to close the zoo and prepare the animals for transport. It takes about four hours to evacuate the animals from the zoo, Hoffman said.

----- IN OTHER NEWS regarding the zoo:

• In August, the zoo welcomed new ambassador golden eagles as well as two new kit foxes. All four animals are now out of quarantine and on exhibit.

• During this time, the upper snack bar and restroom project was completed. This three-piece modular structure includes two standard restrooms, two accessible restrooms as well as a snack bar with serving window. This project was made possible by donation from the Friends of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo and was completed for less than $350,000.

• The zoo has reopened and hours are daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket prices are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors (60 and above), $10 for youth (ages 3-12), and free for children under 2. Parking is free and the zoo accepts credit cards.

For more zoo information and news, visit bigbearzoo.org.

A family is grateful to those who found their dog that vanished during recent mudslides in the Inland Empire area of California.

Rescuers eventually found the dog, whose name is Chloe, on Monday in Forest Falls, ABC 7 reported Friday.

San Bernardino County Fire told followers in a social media post on Saturday, “There is a light at the end of the tunnel,” and detailed the pup’s rescue.

“After 48 hours of intense search operations by USAR teams and SBCoFPD personnel, Chloe the dog was found alive. Rescuers found her in a void space surrounded by dense mud and debris. Chloe was reunited with her family, who were overjoyed to see her. Chloe even thanked her rescuers,” the agency said.

The video clip showed the family’s reunion with the small black dog who was clearly happy to be back with her owners. She jumped and licked their faces as her tail wagged excitedly.

Followers were quick to respond to the touching video, one person writing, “They’ve been through so much. So happy they were reunited.”

“She’s so darling! I love how she jumped back and forth between family and the firefighters,” someone else commented while another called it a “Beautiful moment!”

More video footage showed the heavy rains, flash flooding, and mudflows that hit the region this week.

“We had a large cell come through which created multiple mudslides which we had major damage to the infrastructure of the area and structures as well,” San Bernardino County Fire Batt. Chief Bill Villarino told KTLA.
Mudslides were considered a fast-moving landslide that normally flowed in a channel, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“Mudslides develop when water rapidly accumulates in the ground and results in a surge of water-saturated rock, earth, and debris. Mudslides usually start on steep slopes and can be activated by natural disasters,” the website read.