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By Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group
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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A crash involving an offroad motorcycle and a pickup truck left one person dead and another critically injured Tuesday night in Hesperia.

It happened on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at approximately 7:56 p.m., at the intersection of Seventh Avenue and Sultana Street.

Deputies from the Hesperia Station and rescue personnel from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded and determined there was a collision between a red/white 2003 Honda off-road motorcycle and a maroon 2014 Chevrolet Silverado.

Sheriff’s officials said the Honda motorcycle was heading west on Sultana Street and had two riders, one male and one female. The pickup truck was going south on Seventh Avenue.

“The driver of the Honda motorcycle drove west into the intersection of Seventh Avenue and Sultana Street, failing to stop at the posted stop sign. The driver of the Silverado entered the intersection traveling south and was broadsided by the Honda motorcycle, causing the two riders to be ejected. Seventh Avenue is not controlled by stop signs for through traffic,” stated a sheriff’s news release.

The 17-year-old driver of the Silverado did not sustain any injuries. The male rider of the Honda motorcycle sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The San Bernardino County Coroner’s Office identified him as Anthony R. Huante, 40, a resident of Hesperia.

The female rider was seriously injured and airlifted via a Mercy Air helicopter to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. Her identification has not yet been confirmed.

Officials said it has not been determined if drugs and/or alcohol were a factor in the crash at this time.
The affected roadways were closed for several hours while deputies from the Hesperia Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) processed the scene.

Anyone with information or anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Deputy D. Caudle, Deputy T. Roberts, or Sergeant B. Motley at the Hesperia Station, (760) 947-1500.

Joshua Tree home saved from roof fire that spread to nearby grass
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San Bernardino County Fire responded to a report of a structure fire in the 59000 block of Melton Trail at approximately 3:40 p.m. yesterday, arriving in less than eight minutes to find a well-involved structure fire at a single family residence and a nearby travel trailer.

Crews discovered that there was no nearby fire hydrant, and the closest one to the residence was down a narrow dirt road. Fire crews used extensive fire hose pulls, and shuttled water from a hydrant more than one mile away from the home. Fire crews were able to keep the flames in the roof of the residence, and extinguished the blaze with no structure damage.

Embers from the house fire spread to nearby grass, which ignited a vegetation fire. Cal Fire assisted as it quickly spread to their coverage area, and the fire was contained to just over half of an acre and extinguished by 7 p.m.

There were no injuries reported at either fire, and the family was able to return to their home. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

San Bernardino County Fire officials want to remind you that fire season is upon us, and ask you to please clear your properties appropriately.