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CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A traffic accident involving an overturned vehicle in the Cajon Pass is causing traffic delays for motorists Wednesday morning.

A collision involving a single-vehicle on it's side was reported at 6:19 am on the southbound I-15 freeway, south of Oak Hill Road.

San Bernardino County Fire responded to the incident and reported only minor injuries by the driver and cleared the scene.

The incident has prompted officials to temporarily shutdown the no.4 lane as they work to clear the vehicle.

Traffic near near Oak Hill Rd at the top of the pass is jammed and motorists should expect 15-25 minute delays.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the official cause of the accident.

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In San Bernardino, a fire fuelled with winds forced the immediate evacuation. It devastated several homes, as fires quickly reached the area of 200 acres early on the morning of Thursday. In the area of Highway 18 at the Lower Waterman Canyon, **San Bernardino County Fire** approximately responded to the situation at 1:38 a.m. Strong winds bore flames under extreme conditions, which also issued danger signals. As a result, an immediate evacuation was ordered. The fire, which is also known as the Hillside Fire, quickly burned and expanded to approximately 2:30 a.m. on 200 acres of area, as said by the officials. Six residences and two outbuildings have been destroyed and damaged in a significant manner.

Evacuation orders have been issued as the North Park neighborhood was threatened by the fire. For homes belonging in the areas north of 50th Street, west from Highway 18, and lying on the east of Mayfield Avenue, an evacuation was declared as mandatory in all residences. The Waterman Canyon and 40th Street have cut down Highway 18 to SR-18/SR-138 split for safety purposes. The Pacific High School on 1020 Pacific Street built an emergency evacuation center for the affected residents. According to officials, around 490 homes and

1300 individuals have been forced to evacuate due to the fire. At 333 Chandler Place, small animals have also been transported to the animal shelter located in San Bernardino City.

How many buildings had been affected or demolished was not immediately known, but many residences had already been destroyed. Intense flames surrounded the homes in the North Park community. Cal State San Bernardino was locked, except on the Palm Desert site, as it appeared powerless and non-functional. Officials of the Unified School District of San Bernardino have stated that their schools will stay open, and they will watch the fire and study the conditions. As Strike teams were requested, structure defense was put in place. As per the San Bernardino National Forest, there were about 350 staff on the scene. Officials reported that high winds were still blowing across the area with 60 mph speed. The causes of the fire were not immediately known. The risk of fire is still on the rise as Southern California is expected to be in the same state till Thursday, on the least.

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