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Family of 3 rescued after falling through ice on Big Bear Lake

Josh Cain, Los Angeles Daily News / The Sun

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A family of three was pulled from the freezing waters of Big Bear Lake on Saturday after they fell through the ice, despite nearby signs warning them to stay away, sheriff's officials said.

The father, mother and daughter walked out on to a frozen-over portion of the lake at around 2:33 p.m., according to a San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman as well as several witnesses to the incident.

As they moved further out, the ice cracked and all three fell into the water.

"Three people fell through the ice right down there," said one woman on Instagram with the username BeachSnowChick. "(We) just happened to be driving by ... we came and grabbed our tow strap."

The Instagram user filmed sheriff's deputies near the water's edge, apparently just after the rescue. The video showed emergency vehicles crowding a street with traffic backed up behind them.

The woman in the video said she and her husband attempted to throw the tow strap out to the family, but it was too short.

Jodi Miller, the SBSB spokeswoman, said deputies arrived quickly and, after tossing a rope for the family to grab on to, got all of them out in about three minutes.

The family appeared to be OK — Miller said **San Bernardino County firefighters** were dispatched, but the family refused medical treatment.

Dan Cupido, a reporter who published photos of the family prone on the ice being pulled to safety, said on Facebook there were signs near the water warning to stay off the ice.

Miller also confirmed there were numerous signs posted around the lake. She said the father was cited for failing to heed the warnings.

In a Facebook post, the Big Bear Fire Department said the incident was an example of the "dangers of playing on lake ice."

"Did you know that if you fall into water that is 35 degrees Fahrenheit or colder, that your hands and feet stop working in 2 minutes or less?" fire officials said. "If not rescued within 15 minutes, unconsciousness and/or death can occur. Please stay off the ice for yours and your (family's) safety!"

<https://www.sbsun.com/2020/01/19/family-of-3-rescued-after-falling-through-ice-on-big-bear-lake/>

More details emerge on I-15 crash that killed 2 people over the weekend

Rene Ray De La Cruz, Victorville Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Department engines arrive to fight fires that erupted after two tractor-trailers crashed on Interstate 15 on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020. The crash killed two people and closed the freeway for several hours. [PHOTO COURTESY OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT]

BARSTOW — The California Highway Patrol released information Monday on a crash that occurred over the weekend on Interstate 15 and left two people dead and closed the freeway.

On Sunday, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department tweeted about the crash involving two tractor-trailers — one carrying hazardous materials — but details were scant until the CHP’s release.

At approximately 4:14 a.m. Sunday, a truck driver identified as John Doe No. 1 was driving a tractor-trailer at an unknown speed southbound on I-15 and south of Hodge Road when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle moved to the right, crossed the shoulder and went into open desert, CHP’s Barstow Area office reported.

The driver then made an abrupt left turn in an attempt to re-enter the southbound lanes, which resulted in the tractor-trailer overturning onto its right side. The truck partially blocked the No. 3 southbound lane as a result, the report said.

After the crash, a passing motorist identified as John Doe No. 2, stopped his 2015 Mazda 3 on the left shoulder of northbound I-15. He got out of the Mazda and ran across the southbound lanes to help John Doe No. 1, the report said.

As John Doe No. 2 stood in the No. 3 lane, Michael Hensley, of Russellville, Tennessee, approached at 60 mph in the second tractor-trailer. For reasons unknown, Hensley didn’t see the overturned truck and collided with it and John Doe No. 2, the report said.

The crash pushed both tractor-trailers off the freeway and into the open desert. John Doe No. 1’s vehicle then became fully engulfed in flames, which killed him. John Doe No. 2’s vehicle also became fully engulfed, resulting in the death of John Doe No. 2, the CHP report said.

Both John Does were taken from the scene by the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Coroner Division, the report said.

The CHP did not report Hensley’s condition. On Sunday, County Fire’s tweets noted that one person involved was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

The incident closed the freeway for several hours for the investigation and removal of the hazardous chemicals. The freeway was reopened sometime before 8 a.m., the Daily Press reported.

It is unknown if alcohol and/or drugs were a contributing factor in this collision, which is still under investigation by the CHP. Anyone with additional information is urged to contact the CHP Barstow Area Office at 760-255-5900.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20200121/more-details-emerge-on-i-15-crash-that-killed-2-people-over-weekend>

Man Killed Trying to Help Driver of Stricken Truck After Big Rig Crashes Into Them Causing Explosion

Ashley Boucher, People / Yahoo! Entertainment

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Man Killed Trying to Help Driver of Stricken Truck After Big Rig Crashes Into Them Causing Explosion

A good Samaritan was tragically killed on Sunday, along with the person he was trying to help.

A fiery collision took place around 4:15 a.m. on the 15 Freeway, KTLA 5 reported. One of the trucks was carrying hazardous materials.

The deadly chain-reaction crash was triggered when the driver of the first truck unsuccessfully tried to get back onto the road after his vehicle had drifted to the right, California Highway Patrol told KTLA 5. The truck toppled and eventually stopped on its side, blocking part of the third lane of traffic.

A man came across the accident and got out of his car to help the big rig driver.

But unfortunately, the man didn't have much time to help, as a second truck crashed into the first, crushing the good Samaritan underneath the vehicle and causing the first big rig to explode into flames. The driver of the first truck died in the explosion.

The man driving the second big rig survived the crash and was sent to Loma Linda University Medical Center, ABC 7 reported. His condition is currently unknown.

The identities of all three men remain unknown, but the survivor is reportedly a 52-year-old from Tennessee.

San Bernardino County Fire did not immediately respond to PEOPLE's request for comment.

<https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/man-killed-trying-help-driver-053606949.html>

Two Semi-Trucks Collide and Catch Fire, At Least Two Dead

Sydney Kalich, NBC 4 News

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Two semi-trucks collided then caught fire Sunday morning, leaving at least two people dead, authorities said.

At least two semi-trucks were involved in a collusion on SB 15 Fwy near Hodge Road, **San Bernardino County Fire** said. It is unknown if other vehicles were involved. One of the semis was carrying hazardous chemicals, authorities said. Pictures of the scene show at least one of the trucks on fire.

Two people died in the collusion, authorities said. SB 15 Fwy was closed for several hours after the accident but was open as of Sunday afternoon.

This story is developing. Refresh for updates.

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/two-semi-trucks-collide-catch-fire/2294626/>

Two people killed after two semis crash and catch fire on the 15 freeway

Hugo Valdez, Victor Valley News Group

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(Gabriel D. Espinoza, VVNG.com)

UPDATE: Based on new information obtained by VVNG, at this time it's unknown if the 2nd person killed was a passenger or a good samaritan who stopped to help.

APPLE VALLEY, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A truck driver and a second person were killed in a fiery crash involving two semis on the 15 freeway early Sunday morning.

At about 4:15 am on January 19, 2020, dispatch received calls reporting an overturned semi on the right shoulder of the freeway, south of Hodge Road.

The overturned semi was struck by a second tractor-trailer causing a fire.

Upon arrival, **San Bernardino County Firefighters** reported both of the cabs on the semis were completely destroyed and they were unable to verify what was burning inside the trailer.

A placard that read “dangerous” on the burning Dominion Freight trailer prompted San Bernardino County Firefighters to upgrade the call to a hazmat response. The contents were later determined to be pallets of cigarette lighters.

The trailer on the overturned semi was empty.

One patient was transported by ground to LLUMC, a second patient denied treatment at the scene and two people were confirmed deceased.

The incident prompted the California Highway Patrol to shut down all lanes of the southbound I-15 for several hours as crews worked to extinguish the fire.

Victorville – CHP is investigating the official cause of the crash. A SigAlert was briefly issued for traffic control.

This is a developing story and additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/truck-driver-passenger-killed-after-two-semis-crash-and-catch-fire-on-the-15-freeway/>

Hazmat semi collision leaves two dead, closes freeway

Staff Writer, Victorville Daily Press

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BARSTOW — A collision on the I-15 including two semi-trucks, one carrying hazardous materials, left two dead and closed southbound traffic with hazmat teams deployed Sunday, authorities say.

The collision happened south of Hodge Road in the early hours of Sunday morning and resulted in a blaze that closed the freeway for several hours, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department posted on social media. Hazardous chemicals were released in the crash. Two people involved in the crash were killed and one was transported to Loma Linda immediately, the report said.

It was reported hazmat teams were able to clear the area and the freeway was reopened sometime before 8 a.m.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20200119/hazmat-semi-collision-leaves-two-dead-closes-freeway>

2 killed, 1 transported after fiery big rig crash on 15 Freeway near Barstow

Staff Writer, ABC 7 News

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BARSTOW, Calif. (KABC) -- A fatal crash involving two big rigs shut down the southbound lanes of the 15 Freeway near Barstow Sunday.

Two people were killed and a third was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center. Their condition was unknown.

The crash happened near Hodge Road.

Photos provided by the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department showed the rigs engulfed in flames and their charred remains.

All lanes were reopened just after 8 a.m. after being closed for several hours.

The cause of the crash was unknown.

<https://abc7.com/2-killed-in-fiery-big-rig-crash-near-barstow/5863106/>

15 Freeway Reopens After Deadly Big-Rig Crash: Inland Empire

Toni McAllister, Patch.com

January 19, 2020, 9:02 am



The crash scene, Jan. 19, 2020. (SBCFD)

BARSTOW, CA — A fiery crash involving two semi trucks on southbound Interstate 15 killed two people and shut down the busy freeway early Sunday.

According to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, the crash was reported south of Hodge Road near Barstow. Two people were killed and one person was transported to a hospital with injuries.

One of the trucks was carrying hazardous materials, according to the SBCFD.

Shortly before 7:30 a.m., the freeway reopened after SBCFD reported that the fire had been knocked down and crews had mitigated the haz mat situation.

The southbound side had been shut down for several hours.

The identities of those killed has not been released pending notification of next of kin.

<https://patch.com/california/banning-beaumont/15-freeway-reopens-after-deadly-big-rig-crash-inland-empire>

Important News for Our Mountain Communities

Michael P. Neufeld and Susan A. Neufeld

Posted: January 18, 2020

Mountain Communities – Was your business economically injured by the 2019 Thanksgiving Storm? You can Apply for Possible Provision of Aid.

This is a message sent from John M. Ferdon Emergency services Officer, **San Bernardino County Fire**.

During the 2019 Thanksgiving Holiday, specifically November 27 to 29, 2019, a winter storm occurred that severely impacted the mountain communities. As a result of this storm, a Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency was made by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of San Bernardino.

The San Bernardino County Fire, Office of Emergency Services, as part of the response and recovery to this incident, is seeking to provide to any businesses that were by the event a means to report Economic Injury.

This information will be provided to the State of California for evaluation and the possible provision of aid from various Disaster Programs.

Their office is requesting this information by 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Affected business businesses who wish to report Economic Injury may complete the attached form and submit it via email to sbcoa@oes.sbcounty.gov .

Please write “2019 Thanksgiving Storm” in the subject line so the OES Duty Officer can correctly route the submissions.

To download the form go to <https://files.constantcontact.com/b913df39001/d3764683-e287-4b40-9773-bf35d0a873a0.pdf> .

<https://rotwnews.com/2020/01/18/important-news-for-our-mountain-communities/>