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Hugo Valdez, Victor Valley News
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(Lucerne Valley, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A person injured in a rollover crash was airlifted to a trauma center on Sunday.

The crash was reported at 3:41 pm., on SR-18 near Phantom Lane in Lucerne Valley.

For reasons still unknown, the driver of a gray Toyota pickup lost control of the vehicle and rolled an unknown amount of times before coming to a stop in the open desert.

San Bernardino County Helicopters responded to the incident and requested a helicopter to airlift one person from the crash.

A landing zone was established at nearby Pioneer Park where helicopter Reach 43 landed and subsequently transported the patient to Antelope Valley Hospital.

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the crash.


THREE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN HEAD-ON CRASH NEAR PIONEERTOWN FRIDAY
Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News
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Three people were seriously injured in a head-on crash near Pioneertown Friday night. About 8:23 p.m., 3 vehicles—a sedan, pick-up truck, and an SUV, collided on Pioneertown Road near Chateau Road north of Pioneertown. County Fire Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said three people were trapped inside the heavily damaged vehicles and firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life to rescue them. Two men were taken by Morongo Basin Ambulance to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs; a woman was flown by a CHP helicopter to Loma Linda Medical Center. Two other people received minor injuries and refused to be taken to the hospital. The California Highway Patrol is investigating.

Two residents rescued from apartment fire
Hector Hernandez Jr., Highland Community News
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Highland Firefighters rescued two victims from an apartment fire at 7818 Sterling Avenue on the late Thursday night, Feb. 27, one as he was hanging from second story window to escape the flames. A quick and aggressive response from fire crews from several agencies held the fire to just one unit.

According to Highland Fire Chief Josh Janssen, at about 7:58 p.m. an engine crew was leaving Fire Station 3 on Sterling Avenue for a medical call when they spotted a column of heavy smoke rising from a nearby apartment complex and they responded to the fire, arriving before reports of the fire had even reached dispatch.

Upon arrival, firefighters were informed people were trapped in the involved apartment. They spotted a man hanging out a second story and rescued him by ladder. A second resident was rescued through the door.

“After the rescues they started a really aggressive fire attack and confined it to one unit with a second unit getting smoke damage,” Janssen said of the two-alarm fire. “It was a very significant save.”

The fire was kept from spreading to additional units or neighboring buildings even though at one point a smoke explosion shot flames out the windows and blew off a back door.

The man rescued from the window was transported to the burn center of a local hospital for significant smoke inhalation and burn injuries. He is expected to make a full recovery.

A second person severed his thumb breaking the glass of a fire extinguisher box and was transported to a local hospital’s trauma center.

Four residents were displaced.

In total, five chief officers, seven engines, two trucks, one incident support and two arson investigators responded from Highland Cal Fire, San Manuel, Colton, Loma Linda and San Bernardino County fire departments. AMR responded with four ambulances, providing “noteworthy response,” Janssen said.

Highland Police Department deputies also helped at the scene.

Cause of the fire is under investigation.

1 Injured in 2-Car Crash on 15 Freeway near Highway 138 in Cajon Pass

Staff Writer, News Opi
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Cajon Pass, California – One person was hospitalized after a car crash that happened on Thursday night in the Cajon Pass.

A black sedan rear-ended a semi-truck on 15 Freeway near Highway 138 at about 7:35 p.m.

The California Highway Patrol and the San Bernardino County Fire Department who responded to the incident had to extricate one person who was trapped in a vehicle.

The unidentified victim was transported to a trauma center by ground ambulance.

The accident resulted in a temporary closure of the northbound lanes of the freeway.

No additional information was provided.

An investigation into the accident is ongoing.