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Dog breaks femur in crash on Ridgecrest Road in Victorville
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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A dog suffered a broken femur during a crash here Wednesday night.

California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino County Fire were dispatched to a crash on Ridgecrest Road, just north of Chinquapin Road at about 9 p.m.

The crash involved a black Ford SUV and a black Toyota Tacoma truck. Firefighters had to perform a slight extrication to remove the occupants from the vehicle.

“We had to perform a slight door-pop on each vehicle,” a firefighter told Victor Valley News. “The only injury we have is a dog with a broken femur, and we’re going to be transporting him to the vet right now.”

The fault of the accident was not immediately determined, however, CHP officials did conduct a field sobriety test on one of the involved drivers.

A veterinarian technician who lives in the area told Victor Valley News that he went to the scene and checked out the dog.

“I live nearby and figured I would go see if anyone in the crash needed help,” he stated.

After checking on the condition of the animal, which was inside a kennel at the time of the crash, the off-duty vet technician said the dog appears to have suffered a broken femur.

“I think he’ll be able to recover. He wasn’t bleeding, which is a good thing,” he stated.

The Victorville Police Department is handling the investigation and anyone with information is asked to call (760)241-2911.

Hazmat crews respond after pursuit of possible mobile lab ends in Upland
Erika Martin, KTLA 5 News
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Hazardous materials crews were responding after authorities detained the driver of a possible mobile lab in Upland, officials said.

Pomona police had been chasing the driver down the 10 Freeway until the person exited at Euclid Avenue and surrendered, law enforcement sources told KTLA.

After the driver was taken into custody, officials pulled away from the car and called a hazmat team.

San Bernardino County fire officials responded to the scene around 8 p.m., according to Mike McClintock, a public information officer for the Fire Department.

McClintock said he wasn’t sure what led up to the situation, but firefighters were told there was an approximately 25 gallon drum containing some sort of gaseous substance inside the vehicle.

There was no immediate threat to surrounding areas, and crews on scene were monitoring the air quality, McClintock said.

The Euclid Avenue off-ramp was closed while authorities cleaned up the scene, according to California Highway Patrol logs.


Crash on Highway 395 near Mojave Drive slowing traffic
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ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) Traffic was jammed on Highway 395 near Mojave Drive following a crash Wednesday evening.

At 6:49 p.m., Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department and County Fire responded to the crash and found the semi-truck and a 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer in the northbound lanes.

Per scanner traffic, there were no injuries reported as a result of the collision.
As of 7:30 p.m., a tow truck was on scene to remove the Mitsubishi. Expect delays in the area.


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SBCOFD reminds you to change your clock, change your batteries
Tracey Martinez of SBCoFD, Victor Valley News
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Sunday, March 8 is Daylight Saving Time. It’s time to “spring forward” one hour. You know what that means, change your clocks, and change your batteries! While phones, computers, and tablets may change themselves, it’s up to you to keep yourself and your family safe by changing your smoke alarm batteries.

Working smoke alarms save lives, that tell-tale beeping can get everyone out safely and avoid tragedy.

A study by the National Fire Protection Agency found that almost three out of five home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties with no smoke alarms (40%) or no working smoke alarms (17%). But, the risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms. Dead batteries caused one-quarter (25%) of the smoke alarm failures. (Source: NFPA, Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires).

An alarm should be installed on every floor of your home, in every bedroom, and outside of all sleeping areas. Here are some tips for installing smoke alarms:

- Best place to mount your smoke alarm is on the ceiling
- Keep smoke alarms at least 4-6 inches away from the nearest wall
- Always test your newly installed smoke alarm
- If you cannot mount the alarm on the ceiling, install it high on the wall 4-12 inches from the ceiling

It’s simple: the more alarms you have, the greater your chances are of surviving a fire. Don’t skimp on smoke alarms around the home! However, just installing a smoke alarm is NOT enough. It needs to be tested monthly and the batteries changed every year. You should also replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.

In addition to working smoke alarms, every household should have an evacuation plan. Practice it! Make sure everyone knows how to get out and where to meet. Never go back inside a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the dispatcher when you call 911. Firefighters have the proper training to perform rescues.

A working smoke alarm can decrease a family’s risk of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Batteries from household smoke alarms may be recycled at your nearest household hazardous waste recycling facility.

For a list of household hazardous waste locations and additional fire safety information, visit: https://www.sbcfire.org/SafetyTips/ChangeClocksandBatteries.aspx

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