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## Fontana man dies in off-road traffic collision in Mojave Desert

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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A Fontana man died in a single-vehicle off-road traffic collision in the Mojave Desert on May 24, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner's Division.

At 2:24 p.m., officers of the California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel were dispatched to Barnes Road and Boone Road in Johnson Valley.

Upon arrival, Francisco Javier Macias, a 31-year-old resident of Fontana, the driver of a "Razor side by side," was pronounced deceased by fire department personnel at 3:09 p.m.

The California Highway Patrol was investigating the incident.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fontana-man-dies-in-off-road-traffic-collision-in-mojave-desert/article\\_ff665362-a02a-11ea-9bed-0b1ec6ef068a.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fontana-man-dies-in-off-road-traffic-collision-in-mojave-desert/article_ff665362-a02a-11ea-9bed-0b1ec6ef068a.html)

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## County Fire offers chipping day in Fawnskin

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Fawnskin residents can participate in a wood chipping program this weekend, thanks to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, Fawnskin residents may drop their tree limbs off at Fire Station 96 at 39188 Rim of the World Drive, in Fawnskin.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, residents are asked to remain in their vehicles. Crews will unload materials from the resident's vehicle. In the event that a resident must exit their vehicle, they will be required to wear a face covering for the protection of other residents and crews.

For more information on preparing the home and property for wildfire weather, visit [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

[http://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/news/county-fire-offers-chipping-day-in-fawnskin/article\\_958e41ec-9fae-11ea-a795-db9b2b226e6c.html](http://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/news/county-fire-offers-chipping-day-in-fawnskin/article_958e41ec-9fae-11ea-a795-db9b2b226e6c.html)

## Fontana resident dies in traffic collision in Victorville on May 22

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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A Fontana resident was killed in a traffic collision in Victorville on May 22, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner's Division.

At 12:27 a.m., officers of the California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel responded to Interstate 15 at the Bear Valley Road off-ramp in Victorville. They were investigating a two-vehicle traffic collision that involved a passenger car and a parked semi-tractor and trailer.

When they arrived, 24-year-old Kentarri Currie, the driver of the passenger car, was pronounced deceased at the scene by Fire Department personnel.

The California Highway Patrol-Victorville Area office was investigating the incident.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fontana-resident-dies-in-traffic-collision-in-victorville-on-may-22/article\\_5a75cd50-a02b-11ea-b07a-23d7a0165a95.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fontana-resident-dies-in-traffic-collision-in-victorville-on-may-22/article_5a75cd50-a02b-11ea-b07a-23d7a0165a95.html)

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## Coroner ID's driver killed after crashing into parked semi in Victorville

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The San Bernardino County Coroner's office identified the driver killed after crashing into a parked semi on the I-15 freeway in Victorville as Kentarri Currie, a resident of Fontana.

It happened on Mar 22, 2020, at about 12:27 am, at the northbound I-15 at the Bear Valley Road off-ramp, and involved a 2010 Freightliner Cascadia and a 1999 Toyota Avalon.

The semi was parked along the shoulder of the off-ramp when for reasons still unknown, the Toyota slammed into the rear of the trailer.

Firefighters from **San Bernardino County Fire** responded and Curry trapped in the vehicle and subsequently pronounced the 24-year-old deceased at the scene.

The driver of the truck was not injured and cooperated with officers from the California Highway Patrol Victorville Station. CHP is investigating the incident and anyone with information is asked to call Victorville CHP at 760-241-1186.

<https://www.vvng.com/coroner-ids-driver-killed-after-crashing-into-parked-semi-in-victorville/>

## Helicopter crew rescues injured dirt bike rider in the hills south of Phelan

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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San Bernardino County Sheriff's helicopter 40King1. (Photo courtesy of SBSB Headquarters)

PHELAN, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The helicopter crew of 40King 2 and personnel from **County Fire** rescued an injured dirt bike rider in the hills south of Phelan on Sunday.

At about 5:50 pm, on May 24th, 49-year-old Freddy D. Martinez, a resident of Phelan, was riding a dirt bike on a trail when he lost control and was ejected.

Martinez sustained a serious, but non-life threatening leg injury and used a cell phone to call for help.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel responded and located Martinez in a remote and rugged area. Unsuccessful in an attempt to transport Martinez to an ambulance by vehicle, County Fire requested 40King2 for a hoist rescue.

San Bernardino County Sheriff Department's 40King2 responded to the incident and lowered a rescue medic down to Martinez.

After assessing his injuries, the medic placed Martinez in a rescue harness and hoisted him up to the helicopter. 40King2 transported Martinez to a nearby landing zone where County Fire and AMR personnel were waiting. Martinez was transported to a local hospital by ambulance.

<https://www.vvng.com/helicopter-crew-rescues-injured-dirt-bike-rider-in-the-hills-south-of-phelan/>

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## Two residents helped to safety from house fire by neighbors

Carl Baker, city of Redlands, Redlands Community News

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Firefighters found several small dogs in the house. One was treated for smoke inhalation using specialized equipment for small animals. Another dog died. Photos by Tod Sudmeier for the Redlands Fire Department

Two people escaped unharmed from a burning two-story home in the 200 block of 11th Street, thanks to working smoke alarms and quick action by neighbors.

Redlands firefighters responded to the report of a structure fire with victims trapped at about 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26. Arriving units found heavy smoke and flames coming from the residence. Two residents were standing on a balcony in the front of the home.

Before firefighters could assist, a next-door neighbor and his 13-year-old son placed a ladder against the balcony and the victims were able to climb to safety. Responding to reports that other residents may still be in

the home, Redlands firefighters made entry to search for other potential victims. It was determined that no other residents were at home. However, firefighters did rescue several of the family's dogs, including one that was treated for smoke inhalation using specialized equipment for small animals. Another dog succumbed to smoke injuries. No residents or firefighters were injured.

It took fire crews approximately one hour to knock down the fire. Crews remained on scene for approximately four hours. In addition to 21 personnel from the Redlands Fire Department, six firefighters from Loma Linda and three from **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded. Redlands Police and Animal Control also assisted.

The home suffered heavy fire, smoke and water damage. Damage to the home and contents was estimated at more than \$400,000.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

[https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public\\_safety/two-residents-helped-to-safety-from-house-fire-by-neighbors/article\\_f8a2bd40-9fa8-11ea-9bd4-7b23db801247.html](https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public_safety/two-residents-helped-to-safety-from-house-fire-by-neighbors/article_f8a2bd40-9fa8-11ea-9bd4-7b23db801247.html)

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## **Bomb squad called in after man finds suspicious package in Hesperia**

Hugo Valdez, Victor Valley News Group

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Hesperia bomb squad (A photo of the suspicious item found by Ernie Rios)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A suspicious package prompted a response from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Bomb & Arson team in Hesperia on Tuesday.

It happened at about 11:28 am on May 26, 2020, in the 14500 block of Main Street, near Maple Avenue.

Anthony Reyes told VVNG his dad Ernie Rios manages the property next to the shopping center and was the person who found the package.

Anthony said his dad was preparing to do yard work when he located a white plastic bag with two suspicious black boxes near a shopping cart.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Bomb Team responded and set up a command post in the parking lot of the 7-11.

A robot was sent to inspect the suspicious package and at about 1:00 pm a deputy shouted: "fire in the hole" followed by a loud bang in what could be described as a gunshot.

Sheriff's spokeswoman Jodi Miller told VVNG Bomb & Arson determined that the package was not a bomb.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Hesperia Sheriff's Station at 760-947-1500.

<https://www.vvng.com/bomb-squad-called-in-after-man-finds-suspicious-package-in-hesperia/>