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Man is rescued after being injured in hiking accident

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A man was rescued after being injured in a hiking accident in the local mountains. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

A man was rescued after being injured in a hiking accident in the local mountains, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

On July 3 at 1:38 p.m., San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to the area of the old Cliffhanger restaurant for a rock climber who had fallen 30 feet.

Crews made access in the area and found the man, who was unable to self rescue.

Due to the complexity of the call and the risks involved, a SBCoFD Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team was started. Crews utilized a rope rescue system to access and haul the patient from the rock face. Ninety minutes after arrival, the patient was loaded to an awaiting ambulance for transport to a local trauma center in stable condition.

Due to the terrain features and safety, a helicopter wasn't able to be used.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/inland_empire_news/man-is-rescued-after-being-injured-in-hiking-accident/article_cc9d261e-bfa0-11ea-be2c-5b0cb2127dbf.html

Rock Climber Rescued After Falling 30 Feet From Cliff In Crestline

Staff Writer, CBS 2 / KCAL 9 News

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CRESTLINE (CBSLA) — A rock climber is recovering after falling from Crestline-area cliff and needing a hand from **San Bernardino County Fire's** mountain crews.

Authorities say the man had been climbing in the area of the old Cliffhanger restaurant along Highway 18 near Crestline Saturday afternoon when he fell 30 feet and was injured.

Crews made their way to area and found the man injured. Because of the terrain, San Bernardino County Fire officials say a helicopter rescue was not possible, so crews instead used a rope rescue system to access and haul the man from the rock face.

The rescue operation took an hour and a half, and ended with the man being loaded into an ambulance to be taken to a local trauma center in stable condition.

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/07/06/rock-climber-rescued-fell-30-feet-crestline/>

Inland Empire 66ers celebrate July 4th with celebration and fireworks spectacular in San Bernardino

Brian Whitehead, San Bernardino Sun

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Dressed in red, white and blue socks, David Glover of Beaumont teaches daughter Berlynn, 5, how to toss a bean bag through a hole in the American flag during an Inland Empire 66ers and San Manuel Stadium-hosted 2020 Fourth of July celebration Saturday at the San Bernardino stadium. They were the first tailgaters to arrive. (Photo by Cindy Yamanaka, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

The Inland Empire 66ers have hosted a fireworks show at San Manuel Stadium in San Bernardino every year for the past 20, and while the coronavirus pandemic altered how spectators could watch the latest display, the organization kept tradition alive Saturday, July 4.

After working closely with county health and **county fire** officials to put on a safe show amid this unprecedented public health crisis, the 66ers built a plan to keep 700 or so families socially distant in the parking lot.

Guests who bought tickets to the sold-out show even were able to tailgate several hours before the light show.

The 9 p.m. fireworks show was one of the few to go on this weekend after Gov. Gavin Newsom recommended cities in certain counties cancel or postpone planned spectacles to stem the spread of the novel coronavirus, which has run roughshod over the region in recent days.

The 66ers, who will not play a season this year due to public health concerns, are the Class-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2020/07/04/inland-empire-66ers-celebrate-july-4th-with-celebration-and-fireworks-spectacular-in-san-bernardino/>

Officials warn about fire danger due to fireworks and hot weather

Mike Myers, Fontana Herald News

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A fire erupted in northeastern Fontana on July 3 but was quickly extinguished. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A small fire was extinguished in northeastern Fontana on July 3, and officials are warning residents about the dangers which can result from fireworks and hot weather.

At about 9:42 p.m., **San Bernardino County firefighters** responded to a vegetation fire in a residential area in the 17200 block of Dolphin Street.

Firefighters were able to make a direct attack on the flames and quickly extinguished the fire, keeping it to an eighth of an acre.

Authorities said the fire appeared to be caused by fireworks.

No structures were threatened and there were no reports of any injuries to firefighters.

Temperatures were expected to be in the 90s in Fontana throughout the Independence Day weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/officials-warn-about-fire-danger-due-to-fireworks-and-hot-weather/article_7de7758e-be19-11ea-abc0-3fe739d04cf4.html

Fewer first responders will be available for the usual spike in firework incidents and ER visits during July 4th weekend — one of America's most dangerous holidays

Jake Lahut, Business Insider News

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A double whammy of the coronavirus and a typical surge in emergency room visits around the US Independence holiday is leaving local governments with tough decisions in emergency management.

Both July 4 and 5 see the highest single-day ER visits in the US annually, according to data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS).

Fireworks-related injuries stacked on top of the usual accidents that land people in the ER — not factoring in the coronavirus — have made the 4th of July "by one measure, the most dangerous day of the year," according to a Pew Research Center study.

Areas battling surges in the coronavirus are particularly vulnerable to this confluence of events over the holiday weekend.

In Houston, more than 300 firefighters are in quarantine because of potential exposure to COVID-19, leaving the department close to 100 short of a full force for the holiday shift.

Houston is seeing record numbers of new cases, with a local health expert warning it could become the "worst affected" city in the nation.

On Friday, the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association sent out a news release indicating triage measures — such as closing down some stations — may have to be put in place for the holiday given the staff shortage.

A call to the Houston Fire Department's public information line from Insider went unreturned.

Other areas are bracing for a confluence of factors in addition to other variables, such as wildfires.

In California, fire departments are bracing for the knock-on effects of legal and illegal fireworks as the wildfire season kicks into gear.

"Nobody ever sets off a firework going, 'Hey, let's set the mountain on fire. Let's disfigure a child,'" Eric Sherwin, a **San Bernardino County firefighter**, told the local CBS affiliate.

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has guidelines for firework safety to prevent injuries, which can mount to almost 5,000 just within the first eight days of July.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/over-300-houston-firefighters-in-quarantine-covid-19-july-4-2020-7>

CHP investigating double fatal crash on Highway 18 in Lucerne Valley

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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Two people were killed in a Friday morning crash on Highway 18 in Lucerne Valley. (photo Pam Romero Hardwick)

LUCERNE VALLEY, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Authorities are investigating a Friday morning head-on crash that left two people dead and several others injured in Lucerne Valley.

At about 6:44 AM on June 3, 2020, **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a two-vehicle traffic collision with extrication on Highway 18 near Custer Avenue.

For reasons still unknown, a black 2006 Nissan Altima and an unknown type silver vehicle collided head-on.

Upon arrival, firefighters pronounced two people dead at the scene and requested a helicopter for a patient with life-threatening injuries. A landing zone was established at Pioneer Park where REACH helicopter h285 landed and subsequently airlifted the patient to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Several ambulances were also requested for three additional people with minor injuries.

Westbound SR-18 remains blocked due to the incident for an unknown duration and eastbound lanes have reopened, according to CalTrans District 8.

The official cause of the accident is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol. Additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/chp-investigating-double-fatal-crash-on-highway-18-in-lucerne-valley/>

Residents evacuated after brush fire breaks out near Running Springs

Scott Schwebke, Orange County Register / San Bernardino SUN

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Firefighters were battling a 100 acre wildfire in San Bernardino County on Friday July, 3, 2020

Running Springs residents were evacuated from their homes Friday afternoon when a brush fire broke out near Old City Creek Road and Highway 330.

As of 7 p.m. the MountR Fire had burned about 100 acres and had been stopped from spreading, said Lisa Cox, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino National Forest. There was no containment.

The fire was reported about 3 p.m., and the cause has not been determined. Initially, mandatory evacuations were ordered along School Road and other adjoining streets but later were lifted.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage to structures, Cox said.

Numerous firefighters with the San Bernardino National Forest, Cal Fire and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were battling the blaze. Additional crews were attacking it with air tankers.

Southbound lanes of Highway 330 have been closed from Live Oak Drive to Highland Boulevard, Cox said. The road was slated to reopen about 8 p.m.

Posts from Twitter indicated that smoke could be seen for miles.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2020/07/03/residents-evacuated-after-brush-fire-breaks-out-near-running-springs/>