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## Person dies after being hit by vehicle in Fontana on Aug. 3

MIKE MYERS, Fontana Herald News

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Authorities investigate an incident in which a person died after being struck by a vehicle in Fontana. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A person died after being hit by a vehicle in the western area of Fontana on Aug. 3.

Shortly before 2 p.m., the California Highway Patrol and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the 13300 block of Arrow Route and found a person lying in the middle of the street.

Emergency medical responders pronounced the unidentified person deceased at the scene.

According to witnesses, the person was allegedly riding a motor scooter in the street before being struck by a white van.

No other information about the person was immediately available.

The driver remained at the scene and was cooperating with the investigation.

The CHP was investigating the incident.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/person-dies-after-being-hit-by-vehicle-in-fontana-on-aug-3/article\\_f92d07ba-d5fa-11ea-bf96-6bec063ef5d2.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/person-dies-after-being-hit-by-vehicle-in-fontana-on-aug-3/article_f92d07ba-d5fa-11ea-bf96-6bec063ef5d2.html)

## Two-vehicle collision takes place on I-15 Freeway in Fontana on Aug. 3

MIKE MYERS, Fontana Herald News

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A collision took place in northwestern Fontana on Aug. 3. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

The California Highway Patrol and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to a freeway accident in the northwestern part of Fontana on Aug. 3.

At about 11:45 a.m., first responders arrived on scene of a two-vehicle collision on the southbound Interstate 15 Freeway, north of Duncan Canyon Road.

According to a CHP officer, the driver of a black Chevy Silverado pickup was traveling southbound in the No. 3 lane of the freeway when she sideswiped a white Ford F550 dump truck in the No. 4 lane.

The Silverado went out of control and rolled over the embankment, landing in the 4800 block of Lytle Creek Road, below the freeway.

The driver of the Silverado complained of pain but declined medical attention.

The CHP is investigating the incident.

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## Dive team recover body of boater missing in Big Bear Lake since Saturday

Staff Writer, VictorValley News

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(@SBCSDDiveTeam//Twitter)

**BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif.** (VVNG.com) — Sheriff’s officials confirmed they’ve recovered the body of a boater missing since Saturday evening in the waters of Big Bear Lake.

On August 1, 2020, at about 6:30 PM a drowning was reported near the Big Bear Lake Observatory and the east boat ramp.

Through the weekend, the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Dive Team along with the Sheriff’s Helicopter 40King used sonar technology in an attempt to help locate the victim. **San Bernardino County Fire Boat 96** and Lake Patrol from BBMWD, Dive teams from Riverside Sheriff, also responded and assisted with search efforts.

On Monday morning, the SBCS Dive Team tweeted and said they had resumed the search for the victim. Several hours later at about 2:30 PM, the dive team tweeted again and confirmed they had successfully recovered the body from Big Bear Lake.

“Our sincerest condolences to the family for the loss. Glad that we were able to provide some closure,” stated the SBCSD Dive Team.

The identity of the deceased will be released by the San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroners Office.

<https://www.vvng.com/dive-team-recover-body-of-boater-missing-in-big-bear-lake-since-saturday/>

## APPLE FIRE LOOMS: STRIKE TEAMS STAGE IN PIONEERTOWN; CAUSE IDENTIFIED

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM NEWS

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Firefighters battle the Apple fire. Courtesy photo

The massive Apple fire, looming some 13 miles west of the Morongo Basin, has burned more than 26,850 acres in the San Bernardino National Forest, and as of this morning, was only 15 percent contained. The fire continues to burn north of Beaumont, Cherry Valley, Cabazon, and the Morongo Indian Reservation spreading north and east burning in rugged terrain and threatening hundreds of homes in the Banning and Forest Falls areas. thousands of residents have been ordered to evacuate.

Cal Fire says 12 structures have been destroyed in the blaze, and there is one injury to a firefighter. The firefighter was refilling his chain saw when the gasoline geysered, burning his arm and hand. He was taken to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center where his burns were treated. The firefighter then returned to the line to continue fighting the fire. T

Smoke from the fire continues to be a presence locally and has, depending on wind direction, at times blanketed the Morongo Basin since Friday evening.

CalFire Investigators said Monday the fire was caused by a malfunctioning vehicle; the diesel-fueled vehicle was emitting burning carbon from its exhaust system as it was being driven on Oak Glen Road. Cal Fire says multiple witnesses and evidence at the scene confirms how the fire began, just before 5 p.m. on Friday, July 31. The vehicle caused multiple spot fires which eventually merged into one large blaze.

As a precautionary measure, **San Bernardino County Fire** has staged strike teams of firefighters in Pioneertown. Pioneertown and Rimrock, about 15 miles from the fire's perimeter, are under an evacuation warning to ensure that residents are aware of the fire and are prepared to evacuate if necessary.

In Morongo Valley, the Fire Department there is closely monitoring the fire's eastward progress and residents are also encouraged to prepare in case an evacuation is necessary.

Firefighters battle the Apple fire. Courtesy photo

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the county's Telephone Emergency Notification System, a high-speed notification system that sends mass notifications via telephone and text messages.

The Telephone Emergency Notification System, or TENS, sends a mass alert to phone numbers in San Bernardino County's 911 database, allowing public safety personnel to alert residents before, and during, potentially life-threatening emergencies, including wildfires, flash floods, and earthquakes. With the increased use of cell phones over landlines, cellphone numbers must be registered with the county to receive these

alerts. To register your number, visit [www.sbcounty.gov](http://www.sbcounty.gov) and click the “Sign Up for Emergency Alerts” icon. Residents who do not have internet access may register by dialing 211 to sign up. For more information, contact County Public Information Officer Tracey Martinez at 909-387-5950 or 909-936-5511.

<https://napsg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6dc469279760492d802c7ba6db45ff0e>

<http://z1077fm.com/apple-fire-looms-strike-teams-stage-in-pioneertown-cause-identified/>

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## **‘Worst I’ve Ever Seen It Up Here’: Stubborn Apple Fire In Riverside County Grows To 26K Acres**

Staff Writer, CBS 2 KCAL 9 Los Angeles News

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BANNING (CBSLA) — A diesel-fueled vehicle emitting burning carbon from its exhaust system sparked the Apple Fire burning north of Beaumont in Riverside County, officials reported Monday.

The Apple Fire — which has forced thousands of people to flee their homes — grew to 26,850 acres and was 7% contained as of Monday night.

Firefighters have been able to push the blaze, which sparked Friday evening in the unincorporated community of Cherry Valley, deeper into the wilds of the San Bernardino National Forest and away from homes.

The northern and eastern edge of the fire is in steep, rugged terrain. Hot, dry and gusty conditions coupled with low humidity will continue to pose a challenge to firefighters.

The fire is also burning in an area with no recent fire history, the U.S. Forest Service reports.

“The area that is burning right now hasn’t burned in over 200 years,” Banning resident Michael Karr told CBSLA Sunday night. “And it’s filled with a lot of dry brush. This is the worst I’ve ever seen it up here.”

Nearly 2,300 firefighters are battling the fire on the ground and in the air using two air tankers and nine water dropping helicopters. USFS, CalFire/Riverside County Fire Department, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** are leading the firefight.

The fire, believed to have originated as three separate fires, broke out Friday afternoon along Apple Tree Lane and Oak Glen Road on the north end of the unincorporated community that borders Beaumont.

Officials reported Tuesday that investigators determined that the fires were caused by a diesel-fueled vehicle emitting burning carbon from the exhaust system as it was driving down Oak Glen Road, sparking a number of small fires Friday at about 4:55 p.m.

At least one home and several outbuildings have burned, and no injuries have been reported.

About 8,000 residents are under mandatory evacuation orders. The Red Cross set up a shelter for evacuees at Beaumont High School. However, on Sunday on a few dozen families had checked in. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, they were immediately given hotel vouchers to stay elsewhere.

Riverside County residents should click here to see the latest real-time evacuation map. Incident updates on the Apple Fire can also be monitored here.

In San Bernardino County, the Oak Glen community remains under evacuation. Forest Falls, Pioneertown, and Rim Rock are under an evacuation warning, meaning residents there should be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice. The San Gorgonio Wilderness has been closed to all use.

CalFire says they have a good handle on the fire now but more hot temperatures, low humidity and an upcoming wind event are raising concerns about spot fires in the days ahead.

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/08/03/apple-fire-riverside-county-cal-fire-us-forest-service/>