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## Fiery Fatal Crash Kills One, 2 Others Transported | Upland

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05.03.2022 | 11:45 PM | UPLAND - Authorities responded to reports of a traffic collision with fire.

First responders arrived on scene and located a two-vehicle collision. One vehicle was fully engulfed in flames, and at least one was trapped inside the vehicle. A witness stated he saw Upland PD officers break the windows of the vehicle on fire to rescue the trapped victim, however, they were unable to free the victim.

Firefighters and paramedics arrived on scene and pronounced one DOA. Two immediate patients were transported to local area trauma centers for unknown injuries. Multiple witnesses stated that prior to the collision, they witnessed a vehicle driving southbound on Campus at an “extremely high rate of speed.” Witnesses stated they heard a large crash and saw a ball of flames as the vehicles collided.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. No further details are known at this time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZj7K1MfedY>

## Firefighters train to fight wildfires with big bulldozers, SBC Fire hosts

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Bulldozers move dirt to create a fire line perimeter around the fire to prevent a forward spread.

For International Firefighters' Day, HD Daily News caught up with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department for their annual Interagency Bulldozer Academy training. The training brings firefighters from several fire departments all over California and other parts of the United States to learn how to utilize bulldozers during wildfires that require the earth mover as a tool.

During a briefing, prior to firefighters gearing up and heading to the burn site just south of Hesperia, near the edge of the California Aqueduct, fire instructors cautioned the fire crews that even though the fire was a training, the fire itself was not aware that it was a training. In other words, the fire will act the way it's going to act.

The live fire training, according to bulldozer instructor and Fire Captain Ted Mohr for San Bernardino County, is one of the only ones of its kind in the country. San Bernardino County is utilized for its unique rural and rugged terrains that help equip firefighters for multiple scenarios they might come across during the real thing in their respected regions. Participants in this year's live fire training included Alameda County, Kings County Fire, Los Angeles City, Orange County, Elko County, Texas A&M Forest Service and United States Forest Service.

The live fire training is the final phase of the training which takes several weeks. The unique opportunity to battle a real life fire in the elements is conducted as a "prescribed burn."

Throughout this project, bulldozer operators from numerous fire agencies practice "initial attack" strategies including line construction, radio communications, resource requests, interacting with handcrews as well as contingency operations such as building fire breaks to stop the progress of the approaching flames.

Unbeknownst to the bulldozer operators in the thick of the brush, flames and smoke, fire officials call in a drone to fly overhead, behind the bulldozers. A chemical drop from the drone allows fire officials to simulate a Spot Fire or a fire ignited outside the perimeter of the main fire. In the field, it's not uncommon for wildfires to spark up suddenly outside the perimeter, especially in windy conditions. A swamper, who stands in from or near the bulldozer operator will signal them once a spot fire sparks.

When it comes to constructing fire line nothing compares to the power and capabilities of a bulldozer. As is common in the fire service, the benefit comes with associated risks. It takes nearly 500 hours of training and experience to become a fully qualified dozer operator.

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# Determined California Hiker Fell To His Death, Body Found At Bottom Of 80-Foot Waterfall

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A missing California hiker was found dead at the bottom of an 80-foot waterfall in the San Bernardino National Forest.

Robert Carey, 33, went for a hike at the San Gorgonio Peak over the weekend as “an experienced hiker.” After being reported missing, his body was found at the base of Big Falls Waterfall by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and Sheriff’s Department on Saturday, according to a press release.

Rescuers recovered Carey’s remains on Sunday during daylight hours due to the area being dangerous at night.

“During the hours of darkness, a helicopter crew member was hoisted down to the base of falls to render Carey air. Tragically, rescuers determined Carey had succumbed to his injuries,” the press release said.

“Due to the danger and complexity of the recovery operation, emergency personnel postponed the recovery until daylight hours,” it added.

Bonnie Phillips, Carey's mother, told NBC News on Wednesday that he was headed to the peak and that he seemed determined to get there. The peak is at an elevation of about 11,500 feet. When Carey did not show for a Saturday night dinner, Phillips said she “already knew there was something terribly wrong.”

"He sent me a text. He said, 'When you wake up, go out and look at the tallest mountain you see out there. And I'll be up there. Wish me luck.' He was adamant that he was going to make it to the top of that mountain. And he did," Phillips said.

<https://www.ibtimes.com/determined-california-hiker-fell-his-death-body-found-bottom-80-foot-waterfall-3494666>