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Firefighters on the scene of a seven-car crash that injured nine people, two critically, in San Bernardino April 30, 2023. (KeyNews TV)

A driver in a stolen vehicle ran a red light Sunday afternoon in San Bernardino causing a multi-vehicle crash that injured nine people, two of them critically, authorities said.

The stolen vehicle suspect, who fled the scene and remains on the loose, crashed their vehicle and hit seven other cars after running a red light at the intersection of Del Rosa and Highland avenues at around 2:30 p.m., according to the San Bernardino Police Department.

Witnesses at the scene told an independent news agency that the driver who caused the crash had been traveling southbound on Del Rosa Avenue when the crash occurred.

At the crash site, firefighters found multiple patients, several of whom had to be extricated from their vehicles, which were severely damaged during the collision, officials with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** told KTLA.

Two people that suffered critical injuries were rushed to a nearby trauma center. Seven other people suffered moderate injuries, some of whom were also taken to the hospital as a precaution.

Police did not provide a description of the suspect and said they had no additional information the incident at this time.

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Firefighters take part in life saving training

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Mohave Valley firefighters spent part of Wednesday training in breaching walls for self rescue techniques, used to get out of an emergency.

MOHAVE VALLEY — Firefighters spent Wednesday in specialized training, using buildings opened to the department by Mohave Valley Elementary School District.

"It's super important training," said MVFD Training Officer Capt. Danny Zandvliet. "We've taken the time to use the school and the layout of the school to focus on some areas that we have difficulty in finding the opportunity to retrain. Breaching walls, especially structural walls, is not something we get to do here in the fire house."

In March, the department announced a partnership with Mohave Valley Elementary School District, which needed to dispose of several unwanted school district buildings. Recognizing the opportunity it created for firefighters, the district gave the department full access and go in and do whatever specialized training they want in the 13 buildings, before they are destroyed in live fire training in May.

Breaching walls for self-rescue is a technique used to get out of an emergency situation where firefighters may be trapped or entangled.

"Basically its a worst case scenario, and it's not often we get a chance to train it," Zandvliet said.

Firefighters also practiced Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search techniques, used when a search for people is required.

"We'll do ventilate (training), but how often to we get to be able to take out windows and jump into the rooms and do everything like we're supposed to do with the smoke machines?" Zandvliet said. "Again, it's a chance to do something we don't get to do very often.

The department has been able to use the district's gymnasium for large area search training, simulating searches in large areas such as commercial buildings and grocery stores.

"We learn how to search for a victim if we have a call out or if we have what we call cold smoke — where sprinkler systems have put out the fire and there's a lot of smoke and you can't see, but it's not hot, Zandvliet said. "That's where we see a lot of firefighter fatalities and near fatality incidents, because guys get lost in those scenarios."

The training opportunity has been shared by the department with Fort Mojave Mesa, Bullhead City and **San Bernardino County fire** departments and have also extended availability of the buildings for training to Tribal Police, Mohave County Sheriff's Office and Bullhead City Police Department.

The training reinstates and reaffirms techniques for firefighters, Zandvliet said.

"You may have a newer firefighter on the job and still has a little bit of claustrophobia because of the mask; this is confidence building for them," he said. "You have guys who have years on the job and haven't done this type of training in such a long time that it throws them off. It's getting comfortable with equipment that may have changed because they haven't done these drills in such a long time."

Mohave Valley Elementary School was closed in 2015 to address a nearly half-million-dollar shortfall in the district's budget. Demolition of 13 MVES classrooms was approved in January to make room for a new bus yard for the school district.

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