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## Dog rescued, no injuries reported in garage fire

Carl Baker, Redlands Community News

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Firefighters battle a blaze on East High Street Wednesday afternoon. Courtesy photo from Redlands Fire Department.

Redlands firefighters responded to a structure fire Wednesday afternoon in the 800 block of East High Street. No injuries were reported.

Responding units arrived shortly before 2 p.m. to find heavy fire showing from a detached garage behind a single-family home. Due to an aggressive fire attack, firefighters were able to control the fire before it spread to the adjoining home or other nearby structures. It took approximately 20 minutes to extinguish the blaze. Firefighters remained on scene for approximately two and a half hours.

A dog was safely rescued from the structure. Fire damage was estimated at approximately \$50,000 to the structure and an additional \$20,000 to a vehicle and other contents.

In addition to 19 Redlands firefighters, three personnel from the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the incident.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

[https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public\\_safety/dog-rescued-no-injuries-reported-in-garage-fire/article\\_9e37a99e-7d3b-11eb-8e76-b3a3069c6732.html](https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public_safety/dog-rescued-no-injuries-reported-in-garage-fire/article_9e37a99e-7d3b-11eb-8e76-b3a3069c6732.html)

## Dozens of Rail Cars Left Scattered on Tracks Near Mojave Desert After Train Derailment

Staff Writer, CBSLA News

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LUDLOW (CBSLA) — A freight train derailed in the Southern California desert on Wednesday, sending more than 40 rail cars crashing into the sand, authorities said.

The derailment happened just before 4 p.m. Wednesday and left the rail cars scattered haphazardly on the tracks east of Ludlow, and north of National Trails Highway.

**San Bernardino County Fire** released drone photos and video of the derailment, which showed dozens of rail cars lying across the tracks. Several rail cars also appeared to have been pushed down an embankment.

No injuries were reported, and there was no impact to nearby I-40, according to San Bernardino County Fire officials.

However, a hazmat crew was called out to clean up flammable liquid that spilled from a round tank car.

Several thousand gallons of a flammable liquid, known as denatured alcohol, (which is similar to ethanol), leaked from the train.

The leak was mitigated, the San Bernardino County Fire Department said, but the hazmat crew and BNSF Railway remained on the scene for the cleanup.

The cause of the derailment was not known.

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2021/03/04/dozens-of-railcars-left-scattered-ludlow-area-tracks-train-derailment/>

## Ludlow, CA: Clean up, wreckage removal and railroad tracks repairs continues following a freight train derailment near the National Trails Highway railroad crossing

Zachary Lopez, Zach News

Posted: March 5, 2021



Sources: California Highway Patrol, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Public Affairs Director Lena Kent (Information):

Ludlow, California: Clean up, wreckage removal and railroad tracks repairs continues on Thursday, March 4th, 2021 at the site of a freight train derailment near the National Trails Highway railroad crossing.

ZachNews is awaiting pictures from the scene, but from what ZachNews has learned is lots of construction equipment, flood lights and work crews surround the freight train derailment site.

Construction equipment removing slowly the damaged rail cars that scattered along the railroad tracks; cargo cars and gravel cars being separated and cleared as wheels from the rail cars stack up on the side.

Crews reportedly continuing to work to clear the railroad line and repair any damaged railroad tracks.

The freight train derailment occurred at around 12:20 p.m. PT on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 about a half a mile east of the small desert town along historic Route 66.

ZachNews broke the breaking news story after reports began coming over the scanner and on the California Highway Patrol's Traffic Incident Information Page of a train derailment.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reported on Wednesday that 25-35 rail cars derailed, and Haz-Mat personnel found one round tank car leaking a flammable liquid known as denatured alcohol (similar to ethanol).

San Bernardino County Fire Department and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Haz-Mat were able to enter the tank car and mitigate the hazard.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reported Wednesday that the overall tank car leak is estimated that several thousand gallons had leaked from the unit.

No new updates were officially released on Thursday regarding the freight train derailment from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway or San Bernardino County Fire Department.

ZachNews is awaiting any updates regarding the freight train derailment, including if there was any health related issues related to the leak, if there will be any delays to Amtrak passenger train service and what caused the freight train derailment.

Moments ago, ZachNews checked on Amtrak passenger train service between Barstow, California and Needles, California.

As of 12:29 a.m. PT, the #4 Southwest Chief heading eastbound is getting through the area of the freight train derailment, will be late to arrive into Downtown Needles, California.

On Thursday, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway continues to get their employees around the freight train derailment.

In Downtown Needles, California, crews from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway were spotted boarding a large passenger bus likely to get railroad crews to their next assignment.

Some freight trains coming from Arizona were also spotted leaving Downtown Needles, California heading westbound along the railroad tracks towards the desert.

Stay tuned to ZachNews for the latest information regarding the freight train derailment in Ludlow, California.

<https://zachnews.net/2021/03/05/news-update-ludlow-ca-clean-up-wreckage-removal-and-railroad-tracks-repairs-continues-following-a-freight-train-derailment-near-the-national-trails-highway-railroad-crossing/>

## Haz-Mat Teams Responds to Train that Derails in SoCal Desert, Leaking Alcohol

Staff Writer, Claims Journal

Posted: March 5, 2021



This photo released by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

LUDLOW, Calif. (AP) — A freight train derailed in the Southern California desert on Wednesday, sending more than 40 rail cars crashing into the sand, authorities said.

Nobody was hurt and there was no fire when the BNSF Railway train went off the tracks around midday near the remote Mojave community of Ludlow, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** said on Twitter.

In a press release, the Fire Department said 25 to 35 train cars derailed. One round car leaked denatured alcohol, which is similar to ethanol.

“Overall it is estimated that several thousand gallons had leaked from the unit,” the press release said.

Authorities closed a two-mile stretch of National Trails Highway while they investigated the crash scene. There was no impact to nearby Interstate 40.

Hazardous materials experts were able to enter the round car that was leaking and “mitigate the hazard,” the fire department said.

The train was carrying mixed freight, Kent said.

Investigators will try to determine the cause of the crash some 150 miles (240 kilometers) northeast of Los Angeles.

<https://www.claimsjournal.com/news/west/2021/03/05/302405.htm>

# TRAIN DERAILED WEDNESDAY NEAR LUDLOW SPILLING FLAMMABLE LIQUID

Taylor Martinez, NBC Palm Springs

Posted: March 4, 2021 at 4:50PM



Tweet posted by **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

A train derailed Wednesday near Ludlow, approximately 50 miles east of Barstow, leaving Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company crews and **San Bernardino County Fire** crews with a big clean up.

The derailment involved 25-30 BNSF cargo railcars. One of the railcars was carrying a flammable liquid, but hazmat crews quickly arrived on scene.

No one was injured and traffic on Interstate-40 was not affected, according to SB Fire.

<https://nbcpalm Springs.com/2021/03/04/train-derailed-wednesday-near-ludlow-spilling-flammable-liquid/>