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## Rollover Crash Involving Two Vehicles in Hesperia This Morning

Staff Writer, Pain in the Pass

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HESPERIA, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> One person was transported to the hospital after a roll-over crash. Friday morning on northbound Interstate 15.

California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were called to the scene at about 6:35am Friday May 7, 2021. The crash was on northbound Interstate 15 about a mile after Main Street. The vehicles involved were an overturned dark gray Toyota Tacoma pickup truck that landed in the center divider. And a black Hyundai Sonata sedan with heavy damage to the front and rear of there sedan blocking the fast lane.

One person was transported in serious condition to a local hospital.

This incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol Victorville Office. CHP says additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://paininthepass.info/2021/05/07/rollover-crash-involving-two-vehicles-in-hesperia-this-morning/>

## Traffic flowing again after Friday morning crash on NB I-15 in Hesperia

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Traffic on the I-15 freeway is flowing once again after it was backed up for several miles due to a Friday morning rollover crash.

At about 6:36 am, on May 7, 2021, dispatch received reports of an overturned 2012 Toyota Tacoma in the center divider. Upon arrival, they located a black four-door sedan also damaged in the crash.

**San Bernardino County** Firefighters responded to the incident and requested one airship to airlift a person injured in the accident to a trauma center.

The incident prompted several lanes to be closed as officials investigated. Northbound and southbound traffic were both backed up as a result of the collision. All lanes were reopened by 8:10 am.

The California Highway Patrol Victorville Station is investigating and anyone with information is asked to call 760-241-1186.

<https://www.vvng.com/traffic-flowing-again-after-friday-morning-crash-on-nb-i-15-in-hesperia/>

## Fire marshal seeks public help with illegal firework prevention

Staff Writer, Hi-Desert Star

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YUCCA VALLEY— The Fourth of July is less than two months away and the county’s fire officials want residents to know that illegal fireworks detection has been amped up with new technology to bust those blasting illegally.

Getting the word out to the public is critical to help keep the community safe.

“We can’t do this alone,” said **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District’s Fire Marshal Mike Horton. “We’re asking for the public’s help.”

Horton spoke at the Town Council meeting Tuesday.

Horton was the main speaker joined by several members of his team. Horton addressed several topics with illegal fireworks taking center stage.

“Whatever is predictable is preventable,” Horton said.

Horton said this year’s fireworks patrol will be aided by advanced technology. They also have extensive technological advancements in arson work.

“This is an enterprise program,” Horton said. “I’m just so proud to be the fire marshal in this county.”

Mayor Merl Abel opening the meeting. “Thank-you for being here.”

Abel praised the county’s fire presentation asking the community and county staff to stay safe: “Keep safe and keep doing a good job.”

People in the county letting off illegal fireworks are a “strain on resources,” and tickets will be issued to homeowners even if the property is rented and the renter is setting off the fireworks. The tickets will start at \$1,200.

The county is now using a program to make it faster and easier for residents to report illegal fireworks. The online illegal fireworks reporting system has been up and running since June 17, 2020.

The new system allows residents to report illegal fireworks 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To report illegal fireworks go online to [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

“The property owner is the ultimate responsibility for this,” Assistant Fire Marshal Brian Headley said of fireworks.

Annually, the fire department officials monitor check points at the California borders to help keep illegal fireworks from crossing into the state.

Last year during a one-week period, fire department officials issued a total of 221 citations resulting in \$227,000 in fines and a total of 45,000 pounds of fireworks seized/confiscated.

Headley, who is in charge of arson in Fontana, also gave a “snapshot” of the arson program and the new additions to the county’s program. The new program uses digital information to help target areas where arson is frequently reported, Headley said.

Headley said the county’s arson investigation unit includes six armed investigators who have all been trained through the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Academy.

A new canine program added a 4-year-old black Labrador from New Hampshire. The dog, whose name is Dinty, is highly trained and joined the force late last month.

Headley said the arson mapping program is still in development, but once complete will help them better track arson registered individuals and fires set in the county.

Councilman Robert Lombardo asked several questions about how to report illegal fireworks and the jail time for people convicted of arson crimes.

“Arson is a very difficult crime to prove,” Horton said.

Despite the difficulty, Horton said the county’s detail-oriented investigations have worked well.

“We have had a very successful conviction rate,” Horton said.

Assistant Fire Marshal Tom Strong also talked during the presentation. Strong said the county’s work with vacant buildings has helped decrease fires and vandalism.

“These tools you are bringing forward for our community; we are very appreciative,” said Denison. “What a great progressive program for community safety.”

<https://hidesertstar.com/news/179075/fire-marshal-seeks-public-help-with-illegal-firework-prevention/>

## Head-On Crash Injured One on Cajon Blvd Friday Evening

Staff Writer, Pain in the Pass

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DEVORE, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> One person was injured in a head-on crash Friday evening on Cajon Boulevard/ Route 66, the California Highway Patrol reported.

California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department received calls of a head-on crash with two vehicles. The crash was reported on Cajon Boulevard/Route 66, by Mathews Ranch Road. This happened at about 5:37pm Friday on May 7, 2021.

The two vehicles involved in the head-on crash were a burgundy Hyundai Sonata sedan and a silver Honda Civic. One person was trapped inside the Honda and everybody was able to get out of the Hyundai. One person was transported to local hospital with unknown injuries, SBFD said.

This incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol San Bernardino Office. CHP says additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://paininthepass.info/2021/05/07/head-on-crash-injured-one-on-cajon-blvd-friday-evening/>

## One Injured When Two Vehicles Roll Over After Crash on Southbound 15 In The Cajon Pass

Staff Writer, Pain in the Pass

Posted: May 7, 2021



CAJON PASS, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> One person were injured as two vehicles rolled over onto their roofs following a crash in the Cajon Pass Friday night.

California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were called to the scene at about 8pm Friday May 7, 2021. The crash was on southbound Interstate 15 about a mile after Cleghorn Road exit. The vehicles involved were a silver Scion sedan and a Nissan SUV that both landed on their roofs in the middle lane.

CHP temporarily blocked all lanes for about a half an hour due to debris and vehicles moved out of lanes. One person was trapped inside their vehicle. With help of firefighters they were able to be freed. The person was transported to Desert Valley Hospital with unknown injuries, SBFd said.

This incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol San Bernardino Office. CHP says additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://paininthepass.info/2021/05/07/one-injured-when-two-vehicles-roll-over-after-crash-on-southbound-15-in-the-cajon-pass/>

## A Car Crashes into A Big Rig at Northbound 15/215 Split

Staff Writer, Pain in the Pass

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DEVORE, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> A car lost control and left the 15 freeway and struck a passing big rig semi on the 215 connector ramp to the 15 freeway Friday afternoon.

California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were called to the scene at about 12:03pm Friday May 7, 2021. The vehicles involved in the the crash were a gray Ford sedan and a gold big rig semi pulling a trailer. The crash caused the big rig to become disabled and blocked multiple lanes on northbound Interstate 215 transition ramp to northbound I-15 freeway Friday afternoon.

No injuries were reported at the scene. Traffic was backed up on the I-215 connector ramp for about a hour. There are no other details released.

This incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol San Bernardino Office. CHP says additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://paininthepass.info/2021/05/07/a-car-crashes-into-a-big-rig-at-northbound-15-215-split/>



## Big Rig Fire Closed Northbound Interstate 15 For Hours Just Before Primm NV

Staff Writer, Pain in the Pass

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PRIMM, NV. (Pain In The Pass) >> The trailer of a big rig burned to the ground on Mother's Day near Primm Nevada, closed northbound Interstate 15 for an hours.

California Highway Patrol, Nevada Highway Patrol, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, and Clark County firefighters were getting calls of a big rig trailer on fire just before 1:51pm, Sunday afternoon on May 9th, 2021. The big rig stops on the right shoulder of the freeway.

According to the CHP traffic logs, it was stated fire was coming from the rear brakes on the big rig trailer were on fire. The driver did escape the big rig before it became fully engulfed. The driver was able to release the semi from the trailer. There were reports of one-person injured laying on the ground next to the semi. The cause of the big rig fire is unknown at this time.

CHP temporary blocked all lanes for hours due to the trailer debris. Only the left shoulder was open. Traffic was backup all the way before Nipton Road over 10-mile backup at one point.

<https://paininthepass.info/2021/05/09/big-rig-fire-closed-northbound-interstate-15-for-hours-just-before-primm-nv/>

## 4 children, 2 adults hospitalized after fire erupts at Victorville home

Staff Writer, ABC7 News

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (KABC) -- Six people, including four children, were hospitalized after a fire broke out late Friday night at a home in Victorville, officials said.

Firefighters from multiple agencies responded about 11:20 p.m. to a house in the 13000 block of Hidden Valley Road, a spokesman for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said.

Six people were transported to hospitals, including four who were rescued by firefighters after being trapped inside the residence. One of the patients was airlifted to a medical center.

The ages and genders of the victims was not immediately known.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<https://abc7.com/victorville-house-fire-children-kids/10598058/>

## 12-year-old boy killed; 3 other children injured in house fire near Victorville

Jonah Valdez, San Gabriel Valley Tribune

Posted: May 8, 2021 at 7:10PM



Fire investigators surveyed a house near Victorville that caught fire late Saturday evening, May 7, 2021. (Photo by Lewis Busch, LoudLabs)

A 12-year-old boy was killed and three other children were hospitalized after a fire ignited at a house in the Victorville area late Friday evening, said the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department on Saturday. The fire was reported around 11:16 p.m. at a home in the 13400 block of Hidden Valley Road in an unincorporated county area near Victorville, the Sheriff's Department said.

Firefighters pulled the children from the home's second floor where they were trapped as flames consumed the family room area downstairs, authorities said. Two adults were home during the fire but managed to escape on their own.

Paramedics rushed the children to a local hospital where the 12-year-old boy later died, the Sheriff's Department said. A 5-year-old girl, 5-year-old boy and a 10-year-old boy were in critical condition. The identity of the boy who died was not immediately made public.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, authorities said.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/05/08/12-year-old-boy-killed-3-other-children-injured-in-house-fire-near-victorville/>

## 12-year-old boy dies, 3 children hospitalized after house fire in Spring Valley Lake

Martin Estacio, Victorville Daily Press

Posted: May 8, 2021 at 2:11PM



Emergency personnel stand at a Spring Valley Lake home where six people were injured, including four children, after a fire broke out Friday, May 7, 2021. Courtesy of Lewis Busch

A 12-year-old boy died and three other children were hospitalized after a house fire in Spring Valley Lake late Friday night.

Authorities said the 12-year-old boy "succumbed to his injuries" and was later pronounced dead. The other three children — a 5-year-old girl and boy, and a 10-year-old boy — all remain hospitalized in critical condition, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said Saturday.

Firefighters were dispatched at 11:16 p.m. Friday to a two-story home in the 13400 block of Hidden Valley Road, officials said.

The first arriving firefighters found light smoke coming from the front of the house. A man and woman who exited the home told them that children were trapped upstairs, Steve Tracy, a battalion chief with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** said.

Both county and Victorville Fire Department firefighters deployed a hose line and began a search of the second floor.

Firefighters quickly rescued three of the children upstairs who were found to be suffering the effects of smoke inhalation, and they found one child outside the home. One of the children was also burned on the face, Tracy said.

A REACH helicopter lifts off with a patient from Desert Valley Hospital after a house fire broke out in Spring Valley Lake on Friday, May 7, 2021. Six people were injured with one child being airlifted to Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

Emergency personnel provided medical treatment while firefighters went to work extinguishing the fire. The fire started in a downstairs room and was brought under control in about nine minutes.

"It was confined to the room of origin, but it did produce enough smoke to fill most of the structure," Tracy said.

According to the battalion chief, the blaze consisted mostly of items in the room that caught fire.

The two adults were also taken to local hospitals, Tracy said, but their conditions were unknown.

The cause of the fire is under investigation from both county fire and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Arson/Bomb Detail. Apple Valley Fire Protection District firefighters also responded.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to contact the Victor Valley station at 760-552-6800.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/fire/2021/05/08/six-people-including-four-children-injured-after-house-fire-spring-valley-lake/5007098001/>

## **UPDATE: 1 child dead, 3 injured after house fire in Spring Valley Lake**

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

Posted: May 8, 2021



SPRING VALLEY LAKE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Sheriff's officials said a 12-year-old boy died and three other children were injured as a result of a Friday night house fire in Spring Valley Lake.

At about 11:16 pm, on Friday, May 7th **San Bernardino County Fire**, Victorville City Fire, and Apple Valley Fire responded to a residential structure fire in the 13400 block of Hidden Valley Road and located smoke showing from the two-story home.

The home was reported to be occupied by two grandparents that were watching their four grandchildren. Officials said the two adults were able to safely exit the home.

According to witnesses, four of the children were trapped upstairs and firefighters entered the smoke-filled residence to rescue the children. A young boy's face was covered in ash as he was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

An airship landed at Desert Valley Hospital for a pediatric patient and another airship at St. Mary's. In total, six people were transported to hospitals, including the four children.

Sheriff's officials said a 5-year-old male, a 5-year-old female, and a 10-year-old male remain hospitalized.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. No additional information is available for release at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Victor Valley Sheriff's Station at (760) 552-6800. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to contact We-Tip at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com)

<https://www.vvng.com/4-children-rescued-from-house-fire-in-spring-valley-lake/>

### 3 children in critical condition; boy dies

Staff Writer, HD Daily News

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It happened just before 11:30pm Friday, May 7th in Spring Valley Lake. A house fire in took the life of a 12-year-old boy. Deputies from the Victor Valley Sheriff's Station and emergency rescue personnel from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to a residence in the 13400 block of Hidden Valley Road following the report of a house fire. 4 children in total were on the 2nd floor of the house when emergency crews arrived. When first responders arrived, they were able to rescue the children who were all transported to local area hospitals. A 5-year-old boy and girl, and 10-year-old boy still remain in critical condition. Two adults were in the home at the time of the fire and were able to exit the home.

NOTE: An earlier on-air report of this incident indicated that only one 5-year-old girl and one 10-year-old boy were in critical condition. That information has been amended in the above story.

[https://www.hddailynews.com/news/local/3-children-in-critical-condition-boy-dies/article\\_87c90e7c-b144-11eb-9db3-b760ac67b0af.html](https://www.hddailynews.com/news/local/3-children-in-critical-condition-boy-dies/article_87c90e7c-b144-11eb-9db3-b760ac67b0af.html)

## Firefighters, ice cream and churros entice vaccine recipients in San Bernardino

Ryan Hagen, San Bernardino Sun

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Gabriela Whitten, from Running Springs, receives a free shaved ice at Nunez Park in San Bernardino after getting her dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine on Saturday, May 8, 2021. All who received a dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine were given the choice of a churro or shaved ice treat. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

A parade of fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, an ice cream truck and a churro van drew people to Nunez Park in San Bernardino on Saturday, May 8, to encourage them to get a bigger treat — a coronavirus vaccine.

The event, dubbed Fire and Ice Cream, made 300 doses of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine available to anyone 18 or over.

The treats were open to anyone, but officials were hoping that people would protect themselves against COVID-19 in between bites.

It's part of the county's strategy to make access to the vaccine as convenient as possible, in addition to associating it with the trusted figure of firefighters, county officials say.

Similar events are planned in other parts of the county, officials say.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/05/08/firefighters-ice-cream-and-churros-entice-vaccine-recipients-in-san-bernardino/>



## Fireworks likely origin of Sunday vegetation fire in San Bernardino, officials say

Quinn Wilson, San Bernardino Sun

Posted: May 9, 2021 at 8:31PM



Fireworks are believed to be the cause of a small vegetation fire that burned the grassy hills of Little Mountain in San Bernardino on Sunday, May 9, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said.

The blaze was first reported around 4:53 p.m. and responding fire crews found a fire about three acres in size with a moderate rate of growth, Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said. No homes were threatened as the fire grew to 11 acres before it was knocked down about 40 minutes later.

McClintock said that fireworks appeared to be the cause of the fire as officials had received multiple calls reporting fireworks in near the area.

In total, seven fire engines, a water tender and a hand crew responded to the fire, McClintock said.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/05/09/fireworks-likely-origin-of-sunday-vegetation-fire-in-san-bernardino-officials-say/>

## San Bernardino County Fire to Issue Contact-Free Citations for Illegal Fireworks

Staff Writer, High Desert Daily

Posted: May 9, 2021



(Victor Valley)— This year **San Bernardino County Fire** Prevention Officers will try a new tool to combat illegal fireworks in the communities they serve—contact-free citations.

Rather than chasing down everyone using illegal pyrotechnics, patrolling fire investigators will use geographic information systems (GIS) data to pinpoint exactly where fireworks are emanating from.

Fire investigators will take photographs and collect other evidence before remotely issuing the property owner an administrative citation that carries a fine of up to \$1,250.

Fire officials use a similar GIS system to issue fire hazard abatement notices when property owners neglect to remove weeds, brush, and other fire hazards as required by County ordinance.

A third-party vendor processes the citations and sends them via certified mail. The citations usually arrive about a week to two weeks after being issued.

Landlords may want to remind their tenants not to use illegal fireworks since the citation will be issued to the owner of record, not the tenant.

“Property owners are responsible for what occurs on their property,” Deputy Fire Marshal Adam Panos said.

Property owners will also be given the opportunity to appeal citations.

Fire Marshal Mike Horton said County Fire will utilize contact-free citations in all of the communities it serves. In addition to all unincorporated areas, County Fire serves the cities of Fontana, Grand Terrace, Upland, San Bernardino, Adelanto, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, and Needles.

In addition to issuing contact-free citations, fire investigators will also be directly issuing \$1,250 administrative citations to those caught using illegal fireworks at parks, in the street, or in other public places.

<http://highdesertdaily.com/2021/05/san-bernardino-county-fire-to-issue-contact-free-citations-for-illegal-fireworks-4/>