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Barstow-area man rescued after being 'entombed' underground for 12 hours

Charlie McGee, Victorville Daily Press

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A multi-agency rescue team saved a Barstow-area man who'd been "entombed" by a multi-thousand-pound concrete slab 22 feet below ground for nearly 12 hours in each pit in his front yard.

The man had reportedly told authorities he wasn't facing serious health challenges due to the extended period without food or water during his entrapment, but a Desert Ambulance worker at the scene told the Daily Press during the response that he would still need to be given IVs for hydration and transferred to Barstow Community Hospital upon his rescue.

Espinoza says the man was transported by paramedics immediately following his rescue and had been discharged from the hospital by around 1 a.m. Friday. He had returned home to his family in good health as of Friday morning, authorities say.

DiNapoli told the Daily Press that he has taken part in similar rescue efforts during his more than four decades working with Barstow Fire, but that the added risk of the concrete lid in this case created a uniquely serious risk. He and Espinoza said the incident didn't outmatch Barstow Fire's training but demonstrated the value of their partnerships with outside responders such as **San Bernardino County Fire's** technical rescue team and American Towing.

"This could've turned out very badly, and glory has to go to the man upstairs too," Espinoza said.

Homer, CA: Crash involving a vehicle down an embankment off eastbound Interstate 40 near Mile Marker 126

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Homer, California: Crash involving a vehicle down an embankment off eastbound Interstate 40 near Mile Marker 126.

The incident was reported at 11:16 p.m. PT on Saturday, January 14th, 2023.

Medical Engine 32 from **San Bernardino County Fire** and Medical Ambulance 31 are responding.

As of 11:20 p.m. PT, Medical Ambulance 31 reports vehicle off the roadway and one delayed.

As of 12:02 a.m. PT on Sunday, January 15th, 2023, Medical Ambulance 31 reports transporting patient to Colorado River Medical Center in Needles, California.

Comm-Center confirmed Medical Engine 32 is on scene.

A&G Towing has been contacted to respond to the scene.

As of 12:17 a.m. PT, Medical Ambulance 31 reports they have arrived with the patient at Colorado River Medical Center in Needles, California.

Please drive with caution in the area of the crash.

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Needles, CA: Crash involving rollover pickup truck and semi truck with trailer off right shoulder along westbound Interstate 40 just east of J Street

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Needles, California: Crash involving a rollover pickup truck and semi truck with trailer off right shoulder along westbound Interstate 40 just east of J Street.

The crash was reported at 3:33 p.m. PT on Saturday, January 14th, 2023 involving a Black Chevrolet Silverado and a white semi truck with white trailer; pickup truck along #1 Lane near center divider will semi truck with trailer is along the right shoulder.

Medical Engine 32 from **San Bernardino County Fire** and Medical Ambulance 31 responding to the crash.

As of 3:43 p.m. PT, Medical Ambulance 31 reports single vehicle rollover in #1 Lane.

California Highway Patrol reports driver of semi truck out of the cab.

As of 3:50 p.m. PT, Medical Ambulance 31 reports one patient delayed, and continue Medical Engine 32 to the scene.

A&G Towing has been contacted to respond to the crash.

There is some traffic in the area before the crash so please drive with caution.

Awaiting More Details.

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