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Wrightwood Firefighters Rescue Stranded Individuals in Backcountry Snowstorms

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San Bernardino County Fire Department Deploys Snow Cat to Access Remote Locations and Ensure Safe Evacuations.

WRIGHTWOOD, CA – Firefighters from Station 14 of the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were kept busy with multiple backcountry rescues as significant snowfall in the Wrightwood area complicated travel near mountain communities.

On Tuesday, the firefighters were called to rescue several parties trapped in their vehicles on treacherous or impassible roads. In anticipation of the increase in calls in and around Wrightwood, additional personnel staffed a Snow Cat at Station 14, which proved vital in safely accessing the incidents and enabling safe evacuations in both cases.

One of the incidents involved a search and rescue operation near Jackson Lake, where Los Angeles County Sheriff Search and Rescue requested assistance from Snow Cat 14. The crew traveled multiple miles to locate and evacuate three adults and a dog after their vehicle became stuck in a ditch. To reach the victims, the firefighters had to cut multiple trees with chainsaws along the route. Once the crew arrived, they assessed the victims, who were thankfully cold but uninjured, and brought them and the LA County Search and Rescue staff back to the incident command post.

In another incident near Gobblers Knob, southeast of Wrightwood and north of Lytle Creek, crews were called to locate and evacuate two adults who became stuck on a remote road. The snow was so thick that crews had to plow multiple miles to make access to the stranded victims. Fortunately, both parties were found to be non-injured and were safely rescued.

The new Snow Cat at Station 14 proved to be a valuable addition to the team, enabling the firefighters to reach remote and snow-covered areas to provide assistance to those in need. With more snow expected in the coming days, the crew is ready to respond to any further calls for help in and around the Wrightwood area.

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Search And Rescue Retrieve Driver And Pickup Truck From A Wash In The Cajon Pass

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DEVORE, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> **San Bernardino County Fire** Department firefighters made a swift water rescue in Devore Friday night as heavy rain fell in the area, causing flooding.

The incident occurred at around 7:57pm February 24, 2023. San Bernardino County firefighters received a call of a red Dodge pickup truck on a dirt road in a wash with rapidly moving water surrounding the truck near Keenbrook Road and Cajon Blvd.

The sole occupant was successfully removed from vehicle by SBCoFD swiftwater rescue team. Driver was being evaluated by paramedics for a leg injury and hypothermia.

Remember Turn Around Don't Drown, Flash flooding can happen suddenly and with little warning. Never attempt to cross a flooded road. If you cannot see the pavement, find a safer route or method of travel!

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Fire in Lake Arrowhead destroys three-story home

By Marion Bouchot, KESQ

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A fire destroyed a three-story home in Lake Arrowhead Friday night.

According to **San Bernardino County Fire**, crews responded just after 11:00 p.m. in challenging road conditions.

Deep snow, steep terrain, and slippery conditions complicated fire suppression efforts on the ground.

Crews had to locate and dig out the fire hydrant from the snow. A downed power line was also found, causing a life hazard for firefighters. It took about an hour for the fire to be put out.

The fire remains under investigation by fire investigators.

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