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Resources available for San Bernardino mountain residents affected by snow storm

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, Calif. - It's been over two weeks since a massive storm dumped snow in the San Bernardino mountains, trapping many communities and burying people in snow.

As they dig out from the previous storms, another storm hit Southern California Tuesday. Although the storm will be particularly wet, forecasters said the snow level will remain above 8,000 feet, with little to no accumulations anticipated.

The communities impacted include Twin Peaks, [Crestline](#), Arrowbear, Running Springs and [Lake Arrowhead](#).

Over 100 people were rescued and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said it responded to 13 death investigations. A preliminary investigation revealed only one of the 13 deaths is directly correlated to the weather, the sheriff's office said.

Residents and crews are working around the clock to remove snow from roofs and clear out roads. Food in the area is scarce, as several grocery stores had near-empty shelves.

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Residents can pick up boxes of donated food at a distribution center. The sites are open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or until supplies last. The five distribution centers are located at:

- Wrightwood Library, 6011 Pine Street
- Charles Hoffman Elementary School, 2851 Running Springs Road
- Crestline Library, 24105 Lake Gregory Drive
- Valley of Enchantment Elementary School, 22836 Fir Lane
- Lake Arrowhead Library, 27235 State Hwy 189

Free Wi-Fi is also available at the library for anyone needing to access the county's online storm response resources

A Storm Information Line has also been set up. They are available daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at (909) 387-3911. After 9 p.m., you can leave a message. For additional information visit SnowInfo.SBCounty.gov.

If your house or business sustained any damage you can contact the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and fill out an [online form](#).

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16-year-old dies in Oak Hills house fire while saving other family members

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OAK HILLS, Calif.(VVNG.com) — Loved ones are heartbroken and grieving after a 16-year-old died in a house fire as he helped save his family members.

It happened on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at about 3:46 am, at a residence in the 10100 block of Nielson Road in Oak Hills.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to the incident and were informed of a possible rescue at the location. Firefighters found heavy fire showing from the approximately 2,000 sq ft single-story home.

According to scanner traffic, arriving crews reported a partial roof collapse in the middle of the structure and no victim had been located.

Crews continued looking through the burning structure as they searched for the male victim. Approximately 30 minutes into the fire attack, firefighters reported the victim was located near the home's front door.

The San Bernardino County Coroner's Office identified the deceased as 16-year-old **Jordan Wells**.

Shaniqua Williams created a Gofundme account to help lay her nephew to rest. According to Shaniqua, Jordan woke everyone up in the house to let them know of the fire and helped everyone get out. Unfortunately, Jordan was unable to make it out in time and he passed away.

“Our family Hero. Jordan was so full of life and LOVE. He just turned 16 on February 13th,” stated Shaniqua. “His Mother Kisha Wells needs all the help she can get to lay her son to rest & our family also has to move into another home. We genuinely & deeply appreciate any donation you can make. Jordan Will forever be a HERO to us and will be deeply missed.”

Latoya Williams spoke with VVNG and said her grandson would typically stay up late playing video games and he slept on an airbed in the living room.

Latoya was alerted to the fire when her grandson went in and told her he smelled smoke and the living room was on fire.

“We got a dog that’s def and two other kids that were asleep on the other side of the house. So after the fire department told us to get out, instead of him following us he wanted to go warn his uncles to get out’s stated Latoya.

Latoya said the uncles were able to make it out and shouted out to Jordan that they were out already.

“He tried to come back and by the time he came back all the smoke had gotten in his lungs and he passed out. Our front door collapsed on him and the dog when they were trying to get out and he died in front of the door,” stated Latoya.

Latoya said they found her grandson Jordan holding the family’s deaf pitbull dog.

“He had a heart of gold, he cared about everybody. He wasn’t a bad kid. He had just gotten shot accidentally at a park last year and he took that bullet and he changed his whole way of thinking. He didn’t go outside. He stayed in the house. He wasn’t a kid that liked running the streets he just played video games with his uncles,” stated Latoya

A total of eleven people were inside the home and Jordan helped wake every one of them up. An elderly lady that lives in the home was burned and transported to a burn center. A pregnant female was also transported by ambulance due to smoke inhalation.

Latoya said right now they are trying to keep things as normal as possible for Jordan’s sister Brooklyn and are taking it day by day.

Gofundme donations to help the family can be made via the following link: [Help Laying Jordan Wells to Rest](#)

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Another storm hits Southern California, with more rain possible over the weekend

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Lilyanna Márquez, 10, peeks through plastic as she stands with her sister, Ivy Mullen, 1, who is wrapped in a Lego bag, as they wait for their parents during a rain storm on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in Seal Beach, CA.

A storm system initially predicted to pack more rain than last week’s showers drenched much of Southern California Tuesday evening into Wednesday, March 15, but with the system moving quicker than anticipated, meteorologists said the rain was expected to cease by Wednesday afternoon.

By around 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the storm had dropped around a quarter to a third of an inch of rain over Los Angeles County’s coastal and valley communities, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Rich Thompson. By Wednesday afternoon, the storm was expected to bring about 2 inches to the county — with 4 to 6 inches possible in the San Gabriel Mountains — before clearing out.

“Because it’s a widespread storm that’s affecting all Southland counties, there is still the potential for road flooding, creek, stream and river flooding and debris flow,” said NWS meteorologist Rose Schoenfeld. “Heavy winds also increase potential for downed trees and powerlines.”

A flood watch remains in effect for most of Southern California through Wednesday afternoon.

The heaviest showers fell over Ventura County early Tuesday afternoon and the storm had decreased in strength by the time it made its way over Los Angeles County, said NWS forecaster Philip Gonsalvez.

Orange County communities received similar amounts of rain, with under half an inch or rain dropping over Brea and a third of an inch in Anaheim.

Daily records were set in two coastal counties with the Los Angeles Airport receiving 0.61 inches of rain, breaking a previous rainfall record of 0.43 inches set on March 14 in 1982. In Orange County, Anaheim hit a record low maximum temperature for the date of just 60, previously the record was 62 in 2009.

As of 5 p.m., no major storm damage was reported, including in San Bernardino County’s mountain communities, where residents are still in recovery mode following the record-setting winter storms earlier last month.

Two portions of [Highway 18 remained closed](#) Tuesday evening because of rockslides and snowfall continuing to pummel the road, Caltrans said.

An estimated 4 to 6 inches of rain was predicted to hit the mountain communities by Wednesday, and authorities said they'd be able to respond with plenty of resources.

“The County Fire Department has added additional engines, chief officers, dispatches, personnel to our rapid response team and field observers to monitor the mountain for snow shedding,” said Eric Sherwin, a spokesperson for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

There had been no reports of flooding or weather-related damage as of 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, according to **San Bernardino County Fire Battalion** Chief Mike McClintock.

Elsewhere in the Inland Empire, Riverside County communities like Lake Elsinore and Riverside received roughly a quarter inch of rain. Another quarter to half-inch was expected to fall on Wednesday, Gonsalvez said.

The rain was expected to continue overnight, peaking with the heaviest showers between midnight and 4 a.m., Gonsalvez said.

The system should clear out by Wednesday afternoon, followed by another couple of days of cool and dry weather before another storm system moves in on Saturday or Sunday.

However, the weekend showers shouldn't amount to much, Gonsalvez said.

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