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Yucca Valley man lying in flood wash saved from Fentanyl overdose

By Staff Writer, Z107.7

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A man suffering from a fentanyl overdose in a Yucca Valley was was revived by Sheriff's Deputies who administered naloxone.

On March 12, Deputies from the Morongo Basin Station responded to a report an unresponsive man, who was found in a flood control wash near the intersection of Airway Ave and Yucca Trail just before midnight.

The man, only identified as a 32 year-old resident of Yucca Valley, was determined by Deputies to be suffering from an overdose of fentanyl. The officers used two doses of naloxone, which can treat narcotics overdoses, after which they the man began breathing, and was transported to the Hi-Desert Medical Center by San Bernardino County Fire paramedics, for further treatment.

No arrests were made in this incident.

<https://z1077fm.com/yucca-valley-man-lying-in-flood-wash-saved-from-fentanyl-overdose/>

2 swift water rescues in San Bernardino County amid rain deluge

By Emily Holshouser, The Sun

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Cars navigate flooded streets after a night of rain in south Ontario on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

Local authorities are already making rescues amid yet another deluge of rain across Southern California.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department performed a swift water rescue on Tuesday, March 21, when a car that attempted to drive through deep water got swept more than 300 feet down the Cajon wash and was caught in a tree near Cajon Boulevard and Swarthout Canyon Road, according to spokesman Eric Sherwin.

The driver was able to remove himself from the vehicle and waited as firefighters attempted to reach him, made more difficult by the rising waters and difficult terrain. He was hypothermic when they rescued him, Sherwin said.

The department went on to respond to another swift water rescue in the same area, a few hundred feet down the wash. The driver of a heavy equipment vehicle attempted to cross the water and also was swept away. That rescue was ongoing.

Sherwin cautioned drivers to heed warnings when the roads get dangerous.

“Residents are familiar with the terrain and they think their vehicle can handle it,” Sherwin said. “This happens with every storm. This was 100% preventable.”

Other local fire departments, including the Orange County Fire Authority and the Los Angeles Fire Department, said that they had not responded to any swift water rescues yet as of 2 p.m. Tuesday. Drivers are urged to heed the warning “turn around, don’t drown,” and avoid driving through any floodwaters.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2023/03/21/2-swiftwater-rescues-in-san-bernardino-county-amid-rain-deluge/>

Man ejected, killed in head-on collision on SR-138 in the Cajon Pass

By Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A man has died after being ejected from a truck during a head-on traffic collision Tuesday morning on State Route 138 in the Cajon Pass.

It happened at 8:07 am, on March 21, 2023, along SR-138, about 1 mile from Lone Pine Canyon Road and involved a white Chevy Silverado and a gray Dodge Ram.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, two pick-up trucks were involved in a head-on collision with one person ejected and possibly deceased.

San Bernardino County Fire arrived and pronounced the male in the roadway deceased at the scene. The female driver of the white truck was also injured and transported by ground ambulance.

Highway 138 was briefly shutdown in both directions before the westbound lane was reopened and the eastbound remained closed for the investigation.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol. The identity of the deceased will be released by pending notification on next of kin

<https://www.vvng.com/man-ejected-killed-in-head-on-collision-on-sr-138-in-the-cajon-pass/>

Strong winds, heavy rain pound Southern California – and it’s not over

By Nathaniel Percy, The Sun

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A storm system that dropped widespread rainfall across Southern California on Tuesday will keep at it on Wednesday, with moderate rain expected for most of the region and heavy snowfall in the [blizzard-weary San Bernardino mountains](#).

Tuesday was a mixed bag: Intervals of heavy rain, then brief windows of sunshine, then additional rain and intense winds. There also was [a sinkhole scare](#) on the 5 Freeway in San Clemente, and warnings about waterspouts in Orange County and possible landspouts and hail in Los Angeles.

Conditions could worsen before it’s over. The forecast for Big Bear was 18 to 24 inches of snow possible overnight Tuesday into Wednesday, and then 6 to 10 more inches that day.

However, the storm did not lead to any calls for service for folks in the Lake Arrowhead area that was [buried by snow](#) in late February and early March, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department spokesman Eric Sherwin said.

“We’re staffed and ready,” Sherwin said. “We do have extra resources pre-positioned in addition to our normal staffing” including swift water crews and hand crews.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, also known locally as the Yucaipa Police Department, announced Monday evening that the communities of Oak Glen, Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village, Angelus Oaks, and Northeast Yucaipa were under an [evacuation warning](#) because of potential mudflows, but the warning was lifted Tuesday afternoon. The communities are in the El Dorado and Apple fire burn scar areas.

“The bigger concern for this storm is the wind,” Sherwin said. “Because the hillsides are saturated, the trees aren’t as stable as normal and if they’re subjected to wind gusts, there’s the potential for a tree to come down and block a roadway or threaten a structure.”

As of 2 p.m. [two swift water rescues in the Cajon wash](#) were performed in San Bernardino County, including one in which a man drove into too-deep water, got swept more than 300 feet into the wash and was found to be hypothermic, authorities said.

Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park and Six Flags Magic Mountain [announced they were closed Tuesday](#) due to the weather, while Disneyland bumped up its closing time from midnight to 11 p.m.

Along the coast, sections of Pacific Coast Highway were [closed in Huntington Beach and Dana Point](#) due to flooding and debris cleanup, Caltrans officials said.

The report of bubbling on the 5 Freeway in San Clemente resulted in three lanes being shut near Avenida Vista Hermosa. The CHP and Caltrans were called to the scene, on the northbound side of the freeway. Caltrans, and crews made repairs and attempted to figure out the source of the bubbling, which could be a sign of a sinkhole forming.

Shortly before 4:30 p.m., the CHP tweeted, "Caltrans has completed the roadway repairs and has reopened the freeway."

No explanation for the bubbling was immediately available.

Later in the day, the NWS tweeted about the possibility of landspouts – like tornadoes, but the circulation starts at ground level – and hail in much of Los Angeles County.

"We were concerned about the possibility of a tornado, and we saw some things over our coastal waters with intense storms that were going through," said National Weather Service forecaster Tom Hall.

By 10 a.m. Tuesday, most areas in Los Angeles and Orange counties and the Inland Empire had already received roughly an inch of rain, according to the National Weather Service.

Wind gusts were recorded in Orange County on Tuesday between 20 and 45 mph with the potential for more. In the Inland Empire, gusts of 52 mph were reported in Temecula and 47 mph in Lake Arrowhead. And at Magic Mountain in Los Angeles County, gusts were clocked at 86 mph.

In Orange County and the Inland Empire, forecasters were not ruling out the possibility of showers extending into Thursday morning, although NWS meteorologist Casey Oswant said most of the rainfall after Wednesday afternoon would be seen in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Snow levels could drop as low as 4,500 feet late Wednesday into Thursday, she said.

A flood watch is in effect throughout Orange County and the Inland Empire through the remainder of the storm, Oswant said. A high wind warning is in effect for Orange County and the Santa Ana Mountains through midnight Wednesday.

The winter storms that have battered California, led to a [federal emergency declaration](#) for many counties in the state, including Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties.

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San Bernardino mountain residents prepare for more snow, rain after disastrous blizzard

By Staff Writer, CBS News

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Powerful winds pushed sheets of rain across the Crestline sky, putting even more pressure on trees that have already taken a beating over the last several storms.

The 12th atmospheric river of the season unleashed a torrent of rain and snow across the San Bernardino mountains, causing rockslides on SR-18, road and retaining wall damage on SR-189 on the way to Lake Arrowhead and a partial shoulder washout on CA-330.

"It's a bit concerning," said restaurant manager Yocelin Martinez. "We're just hoping that it's nothing major and we don't get stuck up here."

Martinez and her family own Mountain Cravings Restaurant in Crestline. She said this winter has delivered the most snow she's seen in the nearly three decades she's lived in the mountains. However, more snow is expected to be on the way. Overnight, an estimated 1-4 feet of snow is expected to fall onto the area, worrying everyone after the recent blizzard.

"We're just hoping it doesn't snow as much as it did last time just because we had to be closed for a few days," said Martinez. "So far, it doesn't look too bad but we're just keeping our fingers crossed that it doesn't get worse."

San Bernardino County Fire Engineer Eric Sherwin is warning drivers that the mix of wind, snow, rain and very low visibility could create difficult or even impossible driving conditions.

"Caltrans and the Department of Public Works have been doing a good job of keeping the roads clear," said Sherwin. "We ask that you use caution when driving. The high winds could lead to downed trees."

The recent blizzard devastated the area, knocking down trees and closing roads. Martinez hopes that her business, and the roads, will remain open.

"Yes, we're tired of it," said Martinez. "I mean I love the snow but it's just been too much."

<https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/san-bernardino-mountain-residents-prepare-for-more-snow-rain-after-disastrous-blizzard/>