



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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### **SYNOPSIS:**

On 09/22/2018 Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to assist with the recovery of a hiker who collapsed on a trail, near the Horse Thief Canyon area off of Lyons Valley Road.

CalFire Units received the first 911 call regarding a hiker in distress and responded to the area. Upon their arrival they located a 64 year old male, who was unresponsive and not breathing. CalFire Personnel along with Mercy Medics attempted lifesaving measures but met with negative results.

Due to the rugged terrain and heat in the area, the Sheriff's ASTREA Unit was dispatched to assist in the recovery of the subject.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene to coordinate with ASTREA on the recovery and to take the primary lead in the investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office is currently conducting notifications to next of kin and will prepare a future press release.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a felony arrest.