

10-26-2018 - San Diego - Jonathan Burnworth – PSD Recovery**Department of the Medical Examiner**

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/me/press/press.html>

Case Number	2018-02629
Name	BURNWORTH, Jonathan
City of Residence	Imperial
State of Residence	California
DOB	10/10/1986
Gender	Male
Place of Death	UCSD Medical Center, 200 W. Arbor Drive, San Diego, California, 92103, San Diego, USA
Place of injury	Canal, pending , El Centro, California, 92243, Imperial, USA
Date and time of death	10/27/2018 1826
Date and time of Injury	10/26/2018 1400
Summary	<p>The decedent was a 32 year old male who lived in Imperial. The decedent was employed with Imperial Irrigation District as part of the rescue diving team. On 10/26/2018, the decedent dove into a canal to help a car that crashed into the canal. Other divers found the decedent unresponsive in the water and brought him to the surface. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was initiated and the decedent gained pulses. He was transported to El Centro Emergency Department and then transferred to UCSD Medical Center. His condition continued to decline and on 10/27/2018 his death was pronounced.</p>
Cause of Death/Updated CoD	Pending
Contributing Conditions	
Manner	Pending Investigation
Investigating Agency	
Next of kin notified	Yes

Death of IID diver under investigation

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/imperial-valley-press/20181030>

30 Oct 2018 Imperial Valley Press STAFF REPORT

A member of the Imperial Irrigation District dive team died in a San Diego hospital Saturday after becoming unconscious while responding to an emergency call of a vehicle in a canal Friday afternoon northeast of Calexico.

Killed as a result of the Burnworth accident was 32-year-old Jonathan Burnworth, according to a statement from the IID.

"At this time," IID General Manager Kevin Kelley said, "the district grieves with the Burnworth and West families on the loss of their loved one and of a valued IID employee. While we cannot say with precision what might have caused this tragic accident, that investigation is already under way and will no doubt be exhaustive.

"In the meantime, though, we're going to focus on the human aspect of this situation and do all we can as an organization to support these families and join with them in mourning this great loss," Kelley continued.

An IID regulatory and emergency planning coordinator, Burnworth entered the Ash Canal near East Jasper and Anderholt roads about 1:45 p.m. Friday northeast of Calexico in response to a reported submerged vehicle and somehow lost consciousness while in the water, IID said.

Burnworth was transported to El Centro Regional Medical Center and later airlifted to University of California San Diego Trauma Center in Hillcrest, where he died at 6:26 p.m. Saturday.

A cause of death is pending an autopsy, which was scheduled for today by the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office.

As for the circumstances surrounding the accident, no one was found in the vehicle in the canal, Imperial County sheriff's Sgt. Jorge Cabanillas said Monday, adding sheriff's officials do not know how long the vehicle had been in the water. No other information was available from the Sheriff's Office.

The accident is under investigation by the IID and the Occupation Safety and Health Administration, according to IID. The Sheriff's Office is also investigating. Burnworth had been an employee of the district since February.

The IID dive team had been disbanded for several years and only recently was reconstituted in the last few years, according to IID.



Diver Dies in SD After Retrieving Wreckage in Imperial Canal

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Imperial-Irrigation-District-worker-died-UC-San-Diego-Medical-Center-ash-canal-499205641.html>

Oct 31, 2018 By [Andrew Johnson](#)

An Imperial Irrigation District worker died while trying to recover a body and car from the Ash Canal in Holtville last week.

Jonathan Burnworth was found unresponsive in the canal on October 26, according to the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA).



Holtville is about 40 miles north of Mexicali, Mexico.

Burnworth, 32, was in the process of attaching hooks and cables to retrieve a car that crashed into the Ash Canal, the agency said.

Other divers found him underwater and brought him to the surface. CPR was performed, which brought back Burnworth's pulse, said Cal/OSHA. He was taken to the El Centro Emergency Department and then transferred to UC San Diego Medical Center, Cal/OSHA said.

He was taken off life support and died at the hospital Monday.

IID employee dies during emergency response incident

<https://www.kyma.com/news/iid-employee-dies-during-emergency-response-incident/838612483>

Nov 01, 2018

EL CENTRO, Calif. - The Imperial Irrigation District said one of its employees died during an emergency response incident.

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He was transported to El Centro Regional Medical Center and later airlifted to UCSD Trauma Center in Hillcrest, where he passed away on Saturday.

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<http://jordanbarab.com/confinedspace/2018/11/05/weekly-toll-8-workplace-death/>

November 5, 2018 Jordan

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JONATHAN HAL "JONNY B" BURNWORTH 1986-2018

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ivpressonline/obituary.aspx?n=jonathan-hal-burnworth-jonny-b&pid=190644964&fhid=24103>

Jonathan Burnworth, 32, of Imperial passed away on Saturday, October 27, 2018. He was born on October 10, 1986 in Brawley, CA. Jonny graduated from Holtville High School in 2004 where he excelled on the Varsity football team. At a young age Jonny realized his passion in life was to help other's. Jonny attended Miramar Fire Academy after high school and began his career driving an ambulance in, San Diego and Long Beach, CA.



He continued his career as Reserve [Firefighter](#) for the Imperial County and as a Safety Coordinator for ARB Construction. After a short break working for the family businesses he became a reserve firefighter at Holtville Fire Department and soon after was promoted to full time and acting fire Captain. In 2018 Jonny joined Imperial Irrigation District as a Regulatory and Emergency Planning Coordinator and was a member of the Dive Team.

Jonny married the love of his life, Katie on June 16, 2016 and they had two beautiful children: daughter Parker born March 24, 2014 and their son Colton born March 17, 2017. Jonny had a passion for the desert, off-road racing and spent all his free time in the desert with his family. He also enjoyed their many trips down to Mexico in the summer's.

Jonny was known for his outgoing personality, contagious laugh and bright smile.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Harold and Mary Ruth Burnworth; maternal grandparents, Don and Dorothy Mckinney and sister-in-law, Abigail Rae West. Jonathan is survived by his wife, Katie; daughter, Parker; son, Colton of Imperial; parents, Karl and Patricia Burnworth of Holtville; brother, Erick (Irsula) of Holtville and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and his beloved friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Hems Brothers Mortuary in El Centro. Service will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Casa De Manana Building in Imperial Fairgrounds and officiated by Pastor Richard Moore. Burial will follow at 12 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Holtville Fire Association or College Funds have been set up for Parker and Colton at Wells Fargo.

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Fallen IID diver remembered

<https://www.kyma.com/news/fallen-iid-diver-remembered/853923147>

Nov 09, 2018 By: [Billy Khang](#)

IMPERIAL, Calif. - Friends and loved ones came together to celebrate the life of the Imperial Irrigation District diver who lost his life during an emergency call. Thirty-two-year-old Jonathan Burnworth lost his life after responding to an emergency call. Burnworth died doing what he loved most, helping others.

Holtville Fire Chief Alex Silva who knew Burnworth, since he was a child, said, "That's the part of the job that we've taken and we try to instill that into our personnel. Take life. Every day take it as it's precious. Like your last day."

Jonny B., as he was known, always led by example.

Silva added, "He encouraged his crew to do their best and be safe. He's always the first one and last one to leave. I know it's kind of cliché but he was the guy who would do that."

He is remembered as someone who was dedicated.

Victor Lopez, of IID General Service, said Burnworth, "...was a family guy. He put in a 110 percent at home and 110 percent on the job.- whatever he was doing." More importantly, he touched the lives of everyone he knew.

Burnworth's brother, Erick said, "Oh he would lighten the room up. He could make anybody in the room laugh. He didn't have any enemies. And everybody enjoyed him around. And they loved him."

Erick added, "With everybody here, the turnout. Just how much he meant to everybody. It's just overwhelming. I'm so thankful for it. And he would've loved this."

Jonathan Burnworth is survived by his wife Katie and their two children.

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1986 - 2018 Obituary Condolences



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