

Snows Claim Another Life Along Border With Mexico

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A 10th body has been found in a mountainous area of the Mexican **border** east of San Diego where more than a hundred immigrants, who had been working their way north on foot through deep canyons, became trapped by a spring **snow** storm.

The victim, a man, was found at dusk on Friday on the United States side of the **border** by a team that had been trying to save the immigrants since their predicament became known late Thursday night. The body was in the same general area where other bodies had been discovered earlier in the day, said Mario Villarreal, a spokesman for the United States **Border** Patrol. He said search crews reported knee-deep **snow** in the area.

Eight of the bodies were found in the United States and two by the Mexican authorities on their side of the **border**. About 50 people were rescued on the American side and 80 in **Mexico**.

Though the search was called off as darkness approached on Friday, one search party did not arrive back at the command post until 3 A.M. today, an officer said. The formal search for victims has ended, but routine patrols by the **Border** Patrol and Sheriff's Department will be made in the area starting today.

The rescued immigrants were treated for hypothermia or exposure. They were then taken into custody by the **Border** Patrol and are expected to be returned to **Mexico**. The immigrants had set out from **Mexico** earlier in the week, traveling into rugged, unfamiliar territory, some dressed only in jeans, T-shirts and tennis shoes.

More than 140 illegal immigrants died last year crossing from **Mexico** into San Diego and Imperial Counties in California, Bill Strassberger, a spokesman for the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Service, told The Associated Press. About 20 had died this year before the latest fatalities.

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