

Burn Victim Dies after Being Airlifted From Explosion

Sara Gandy, 9News.com
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MEAD - A man who was critically burned in a small chemical explosion Friday morning has died.

The Public Information Officer with the Weld County Sheriff's Office, Margie Martinez, says Leslie Robertson, 37 of Loveland, was taken by Air Life to University Hospital. He died of his injuries.

Robertson was airlifted from nearby Mead Elementary School following the explosion and fire at Boulder Scientific Company, a chemical manufacturing plant.

It happened Friday morning at the plant which is near Third Street and Welker Avenue, according to the sheriff's department.

Aerial pictures from Sky9 showed a roughly 20-by-20 foot area where smoke poured out. Martinez says no other injuries were reported, and that the building's sprinkler system extinguished the fire.

Mountain View Fire responded along with the Office of Emergency Management which is standard protocol when chemicals are involved.

The cause of the blast and ensuing fire are under investigation.



Explosion Kills One, Injures Three Others

By Bill Scanlon, Rocky Mountain News
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An employee died after an explosion and fire at Boulder Scientific Co., a chemical manufacturing plant in Mead.

Weld County Undersheriff Margie Martinez said 37-year-old Leslie Robertson, of Loveland, was burned in the incident Friday morning and was flown to the University of Colorado Hospital.

Three other people were sent to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Boulder Scientific makes chemicals, specializing in advanced organometallic catalysts, ligands and co-catalysts.

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Man Dies After Explosion, Fire at Mead Manufacturing Plant

The Associated Press

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Deputy Weld County Coroner Chris Robillard says Robertson has died from his injuries.

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