

Miners killed in Utah rescue effort

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HUNTINGTON, Utah -- Three rescue workers were killed and six were hurt in a collapse at the Crandall Canyon Mine in Utah where six miners have been trapped since Aug. 6. At least two of the rescue workers who were killed Thursday were miners, The Salt Lake Tribune reported. One killed miner was trying to reach his cousin, the newspaper reported. Rich Kulczewski, a spokesman for the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, told reporters in Huntington, Utah, two of the injured were MSHA employees. The 6:30 p.m. collapse followed what officials said was another episode of seismic activity at the mine -- what miners call a "bump." "At this time it looks like it's very similar to the other bumps we've had," said Kulczewski. Underground rescue efforts were halted but crews were continuing to try and locate the miners missing under hundreds of feet of rocks and coal by drilling a fourth hole. The drilling was directed toward an area of the mine where geophones picked up vibrations Wednesday, The Deseret Morning News reported. Three previous holes have found empty caverns.

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