

Incline's runaway truck ramp accident not the first

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At least three other trucks launched off the end of an Incline Village runaway truck ramp before the one that crashed into a home Friday and killed a truck driver trapped in his burning rig, fire officials said Monday.

Nevada Highway Patrol investigators combed the charred wreckage of the truck, removed Friday night. The driver's identity was withheld while the Washoe County medical examiner's office awaits X-rays to provide positive identification.



The Incline Village house the big-rig careened into is a total loss.

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The driver died Friday morning after his flatbed truck, hauling lumber, apparently lost its brakes while traveling

west on the Mount Rose Highway. He steered into an uphill-slanted gravel runaway ramp near Nevada 28 but the ramp failed to stop the speeding vehicle.

The truck vaulted off the end of the ramp, slammed into a nearby residence and exploded. The occupant of the home escaped but rescuers were unable to reach the truck driver, who died in the flames.

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