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Firefighters Extinguish Two-Alarm Fire in Apple Valley Strip Mall

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(Photo Courtesy LLN)

APPLE VALLEY, Calif.(VVNG.com)- Firefighters responded to a 2nd alarm commercial structure fire in a commercial strip mall Monday.

The fire was reported at 1:11 a.m. on November 14th in the 13600 block of Navajo Road near Yucca Loma Road in Apple Valley.

According to AVFPD Fire Chief Sid Hultquist, as the first engine pulled out of Station 331 on Highway 18 they reported smoke showing.

When firefighters arrived on scene they found heavy black smoke coming from “1 Stop Barber & Beauty Shop” located in the multi-unit strip mall.

“They immediately began to advance the hose line, they encountered heavy black smoke, zero visibility, with high heat conditions. And they also heard aerosol cans exploding inside the barber shop,” stated Hultquist.

Due to the potential threat of the fire spreading to the attic, a second-alarm was requested to bring in extra resources.

Additional engines arrived on scene and ventilated the roof. “The businesses share a common attic. If the fire had spread to the attic it would have been a significant threat to the other businesses,” said Hultquist.

Firefighters knocked down the fire and prevented it from spreading to the adjacent tenants, which included a church, a restaurant, and a fitness center. However, the barber shop was deemed a complete loss.

“It took a good 30 minutes to contain the fire where it was no longer a threat to other occupants of the strip mall,” stated Hultquist, “Firefighters remained at the scene for a total of three hours.”

A total of 24 firefighters from Apple Valley Fire and **San Bernardino County Fire** responded. No injuries were reported by civilians or firefighters.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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Man Dies in El Mirage Dry Lake Bed Off-Roading Accident

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EL MIRAGE, Calif.(VVNG.com)- A 51-year-old Santa Clarita man was killed in an off-road crash in the El Mirage Dry Lake Bed over the weekend.

On November 12th at 11:15 p.m. Christopher Becker was driving a 2009 Suzuki DRZ-400 southbound in the El Mirage Dry Lake Bed off-highway vehicle at an unknown speed. For undetermined reasons, Becker lost control of the Suzuki and was subsequently ejected from the motorcycle. Becker contacted the ground where he sustained life-threatening injuries.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** arrived on scene shortly thereafter. After accessing Becker, medical personnel stated he had succumbed to his injuries and pronounced him deceased at 12:04 a.m.

The traffic collision is still under investigation by Victorville CHP. Anyone with information regarding this traffic collision is urged to call (760)241-1186.

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Deputies break up cockfighting operation in Oak Hills

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OAK HILLS — Two men were cited Nov. 10 when members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Rural Crimes Task Force broke up a cockfighting operation in Oak Hills, officials said Tuesday.

At 11:24 a.m. deputies from the San Bernardino County Victor Valley Sheriff's Station responded to a home in the 8800 block of Aster Road in Oak Hills as neighbors reported hearing a loud boom and then saw flames coming from the property.

After deputies arrived to assist the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, they discovered numerous roosters housed in separate cages, officials said.

Deputies asked for assistance from the Rural Crimes Task Force and Deputy Rob Oakleaf and Deputy Randy Stanley responded. Oakleaf and Stanley conducted an investigation and provided evidence of bird fighting.

The suspects, Felix Sapalicio, 61, and Raul Sapalicio, 57, both of Oak Hills, were issued citations for animal cruelty with a date to appear in court, officials said.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact Deputy Oakleaf or Deputy Stanley at the Lucerne Valley Sheriff's Substation at 760-248-7655. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at 800-782-7436 or visit www.wetip.com.

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VVC to hold multi-discipline emergency drill

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Victor Valley College will host its bi-annual multi-discipline drill event at the Regional Public Safety Training Center in Apple Valley on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. VVC students will participate in training in how to handle real-life work environments and emergency situations. Students involved include those studying to become firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, corrections officers and law enforcement officers. Industry partners also participating include the American Medical Response, **San Bernardino County Fire** and Sheriff departments and California Highway Patrol.

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Local Emergency Responders, Cert, Meets Tomorrow

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In the case of a local emergency—trained first responders—the Community Emergency Response Team, will swing into action. If you are interested in getting that invaluable training, a meeting has been set for tomorrow. Reporter Kirby Davis has details...

The **County Fire Department and the Department of Emergency Services** will hold an informational meeting for residents who are interested in joining the Morongo Basin's Community Emergency Response Team. Participants will learn about hazards they may face in a disaster, and will be trained in lifesaving skills so that they are better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. The informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, November 17, at the Twentynine Palms Fire Station, 6560 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms. For more information, call 760-228-6380.

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