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## County Fire considers Explorer Scout program in Needles

Jennifer Denevan, Needles Desert Star

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San Bernardino County Fire Department engineer Chris Abbott talks to Needles High School student Adam Jenkins about possibly joining the county's fire explorer program. The county is looking to reinstate the program locally, which focuses on giving youth a chance to explore if being a firefighter is the right career path for them. Jennifer Denevan, Needles Desert Star

NEEDLES — Members of the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** handed out flyers and spoke to students of the possibility of joining the department's Explorer program. The county is looking to restart the program as a means of providing students another career pathway.

Engineer Chris Abbott said the county is looking to start another post for the program. In order to do that, he'd need at least four recruits, he continued.

The department tried to get the program started a few years ago and there wasn't enough interest, Abbott said. The city has requested county fire try and have the program again and so that is what the county is trying to do, he added.

He's had experience with the program in Hesperia and Victorville, he said. The program is based out of the Boy Scouts of America and the idea is to allow young people explore different possible career opportunities, he continued. He's had training to work with the youngsters and the BSA but most stems from what county fire has trained him to do.

County fire has multiple posts throughout the county, he said. Assuming enough kids sign up, there will be a post in Needles.

Participants must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher at all times, Abbott said. They also must be between the ages of 14 and 20.

He said Explorers would receive training under supervision of trained firefighters. They'll get the basics of a paramilitary structure, he continued.

Explorers will do some physical training but also actual fire service training, Abbott said. Fire service training includes medical services, fires, rescues and miscellaneous other work.

They will have the opportunity to go on calls, Abbott said, but they will need to get the basic training and meet certain requirements first. They need to have a basic understanding of what to do on an emergency call before the department can have Explorers go on calls, he added.

Abbott said the program is set up to have the kids come twice a month for training. How quickly they get to go on calls or do other types of work depends on their attitude and how much they put into the program.

“This is a program where you get out of it what you put in,” Abbott said. Success is dependent upon the individual’s effort.

Abbott said once Explorers are qualified, they can go on calls based on their schedule. They also have the opportunity to call the station and do some training that’s not scheduled. That will be up to the discretion of the crew on hand as they may have too much required work to do, Abbott continued.

By the time an Explorer reaches the age limit of 20, he or she should be ready to go to the fire academy and start a career in fire, Abbott said.

The program is meant to allow kids to explore firefighting as a career option, he said. “I’ve seen kids come and go. Some do really well and some become full time firemen and some realize ‘this is pretty dangerous and this is not for me,’” he added.

Safety is a huge part of the program, he said. This is the environment in which to learn, make mistakes and figure out what a person is capable of doing, he continued.

For more information call 760-326-2833.

[http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles\\_desert\\_star/county-fire-considers-explorer-scout-program-in-needles/article\\_d8a0bce2-2066-11e6-b522-6f5880e930fc.html](http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles_desert_star/county-fire-considers-explorer-scout-program-in-needles/article_d8a0bce2-2066-11e6-b522-6f5880e930fc.html)

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## **Nisqualli Road crash leaves several injured Monday evening**

**Paola Baker, Daily Press**

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A damaged car is seen after a crash on Nisqualli Road that left several people injured. Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

**VICTORVILLE** — Authorities are investigating a crash that left several people injured, including two young children, in Victorville Monday evening.

A crash involving two vehicles was first reported at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Third Avenue and Nisqualli Road. Immediate details on the crash were scarce, but Victorville Sheriff’s Sgt. Ken Lutz said

several parties were reported to be injured and the crash shut down Nisqualli Road between Third and Second avenues as authorities investigated the scene.

**San Bernardino County Fire Department** Captain Mike McClintock said seven people were reported to be injured, with four classified as “immediate patients.” Three people were airlifted while the rest were transported by ground ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Loma Linda University Medical Center, and Desert Valley Hospital.

Scanner traffic reported that a 3- and a 4-year-old were being airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center, but no other details were available on the other injured parties. The severity of the injuries suffered was not known Monday evening.

Lutz said Nisqualli Road would remain closed between Third and Second avenues for several hours as the Sheriff’s Department Major Accident Investigation Team responded to the scene. Further details on the crash were not available Monday evening.

The cause of the crash is not yet known and the incident remains under investigation by the Sheriff’s Department MAIT team.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160523/nisqualli-road-crash-leaves-several-injured-monday-evening>

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## County Fire to Host Chipper Days in Lake Arrowhead and Green Valley Lake

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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County Fire crews will be conducting Chipper Days in Lake Arrowhead and Green Valley Lake this week. (Contributed Photo)

Mountain Communities – Free Chipper Days — conducted by **San Bernardino County Fire** — are here again. County Fire is affording mountain residents with two (2) additional opportunities to remove brush and keep their property Defensible Space compliant.



This week the program will be in Lake Arrowhead and Green Valley Lake. Last weekend, chipper events were staged in Crestline and Twin Peaks.

Limbs up to 10 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length can be chipped. Limbs and brush only. Leaves or pine needles cannot be chipped.

## **CHIPPER DAYS**

County Fire has announced the following schedule for the next two Chipper Days:

**May 28** – *Lake Arrowhead* – Fire Station 93 – 200 North Highway 173 – Lake Arrowhead

**May 29** – *Green Valley Lake* – Fire Station 95 – 33596 Green Valley Lake Road – Green Valley Lake

Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at both locations.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information call (909) 337-8586.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/05/24/county-fire-to-host-chipper-days-in-lake-arrowhead-and-green-valley-lake/>

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## **Joshua Tree Man Dies after Cement Truck Rolls Over**

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A Joshua Tree man died of a heart attack after a crash involving a cement truck Monday morning. According to the California Highway Patrol, Dennis Glascock, 57, of Joshua Tree, was driving a cement truck loaded with cement eastbound on Highway 62 near mile marker 53 about 6:15 a.m. when the truck drifted onto the right shoulder into soft sand. Glascock lost control of the truck, and it crossed onto the other side of the highway into the desert and overturned once completely, landing on its wheels, facing southwest. The cement tank came to rest to the right of the truck. Although the truck's cab received major damage, Glascock was able to get out of the truck on his own, and a passer-by stopped to help. **County paramedics** and Morongo Basin Ambulance arrived about 6:39. Glascock began experiencing chest pains and difficulty breathing, and went into cardiac arrest. MBA transported Glascock to the Robert E Bush Naval Hospital on board the Twentynine Palms Combat Center, where he arrived about 7:20 a.m. Dennis Glascock was pronounced dead just after 8 a.m.

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