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Baker Fire Station adds paramedic position

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San Bernardino County Fire Protection District fire engineer/paramedic Mike Laabs is one of three recently assigned paramedics to work at Baker Fire Station 53. SBC Fire announced on Monday the addition of a paramedic position to Baker's daily staffing. Photo courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

BAKER — The **San Bernardino County Fire Protection District** announced Monday the addition of a paramedic position to the daily staffing at Baker Fire Station 53.

According to County Fire spokesman Jeff Allen, the station will still be staffed daily by two firefighters. The addition will be the paramedic position, an upgrade from a limited-term firefighter.

"The addition of a paramedic to the staff will save lives," Allen said. "This is huge progress. When responding to calls, the addition of a paramedic allows us to do more. EMTs provide basic life support, while paramedics are able to provide advanced life support skills such as airway management, cardiac monitoring, and IV access for medication administration.

"Paramedics also have the training to recognize and treat life-threatening symptoms of a heart attack or diabetic emergency where early interventions are critical."

The fire station also recently purchased what Allen calls a state-of-the-art 2015 KME fire engine, with one of the many features being a rear and side view camera, being fully quipped with full paramedic gear and the Jaws of Life.

The paramedic position took effect on July 4. Allen said the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved "separate" funding for the position.

Allen calls the addition of the paramedic the second milestone regarding emergency response within Baker. The first milestone was back in 2006 when construction of the state-of-the-art station to be built on Baker Boulevard was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Prior to that, firefighter personnel in Baker consisted of resident, paid-call firefighters and an inmate fire crew from the local prison operated by Cornell Corrections.

"At that time there was no actual fire station. Crews operated out of a house located within the prison grounds," Allen said.

Station 53 also works in partnership with Baker EMS, a private ambulance company in Baker, staffed with an EMT and a paramedic.

The small town of Baker has a population of 735 people, according to census data from 2010, but its Fire Station is responsible for 4,000 square miles, including the stretch of Interstate 15 that runs north of Baker up to stateline, Highway 127 to the Dumont Dunes, the Mojave National Preserve and portions of Interstate 40. The Baker station responds to approximately 1,500 calls annually.

According to Caltrans, an average of just under 40,000 vehicles passed through Baker on on Interstate 15 on a daily basis in 2014.

“Thousands of vehicles pass through Baker on a daily basis,” Allen said. “Interstate 15 is the major route for travelers between Southern California and Las Vegas. It is also a major thoroughfare for commerce in and out of Southern California and San Bernardino County. The Interstate 15 corridor is also home to some of the most horrific traffic accidents in the county.”

<http://www.desertdispatch.com/news/20160711/baker-fire-station-adds-paramedic-position>

Man shot, killed outside downtown San Bernardino bar

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A man was shot and killed outside the Office Bar in San Bernardino on Monday night, July 11. Photo by Doug Saunders

SAN BERNARDINO >> Police are investigating a fatal shooting here Monday night.

Shortly before 9 p.m. officers were sent to the Office Bar at 123 N E Street for a possible armed robbery, but when they arrived they found a man face down on the sidewalk suffering from gunshot wounds.

San Bernardino County Fire and American Medical Response arrived and pronounced the man dead at the scene.

Witnesses told police there were three shots fired in front of the bar, then the unidentified victim ran around the corner, grabbed the wrought iron fence and collapsed, according officers on the scene.

No suspects have been identified.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 909-384-5742 or 911.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160711/man-shot-killed-outside-downtown-san-bernardino-bar>

Accident near Big River results in fatality

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One person was killed when this SUV rolled over on July 5 on California Route 62 near Big River. Four other people, including three children, sustained minor injuries. Submitted photo

A single-vehicle rollover accident near Big River July 5 resulted in the death of a woman who was in the vehicle, an SUV. Four other people in the SUV sustained minor injuries.

The accident occurred at 2:04 p.m. on California Route 62, approximately two miles from the entrance to Big River. David Pumphrey, a spokesman for **San Bernardino County Fire Station 17** in Big River, said there were five people in the SUV, all part of the same family. In addition to the woman who was killed, they included a man and three children, ages 6 months, 4 and 6 years old.

The injured people were taken to La Paz Regional Hospital.

Pumphrey said it was believed the family was returning to the Yuma area.

As of press time, the names of the victims were not available.

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Two Fires in Morongo Basin within an Hour Monday

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Morongo Basin firefighters were busy fighting two fires Monday. Just after 11:30 a.m., firefighters were called to the 1800 block of Booth Road in Landers. Yucca Mesa firefighters were not available, so firefighters from Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree responded. When they arrived, they found two Conex boxes, a vehicle, and a propane tank on fire. A resident received minor injuries from fighting the blaze, and was treated at the scene. The fire was knocked down about 12:10. A county fire investigator has been called to the scene.

Then about 12:20, Twentynine Palms firefighters were called to 74500 block of Serrano Drive, at the corner of Utah Trail, for a fully-involved house fire. Black smoke could be seen for miles. Firefighters reported heavy fire in the home's interior; reports of possible hazardous materials prevented fire fighters from attacking the fire by making entry. An exterior attack was used to put out the fire. A Haz-Mat team and fire investigator were called to the scene. Firefighters from Morongo Valley, the Combat Center, and Wonder Valley assisted with the blaze. CalFire assisted with coverage. Utah Trail was closed from Alta Loma Drive to Baseline Road due to all the emergency vehicles. No one was home at the time and there were no injuries.

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