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Pasadena's East West Bank Donates \$50,000 to Firefighters Association in Wake of Blue Cut Fire

Ron Rokhy, Pasadena Now

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Pasadena headquartered East West Bank announced last week it made a donation of \$50,000 to the **San Bernardino County Firefighters** Association to support the Blue Cut Fire, the flames that have been blazing across the county since August 16.

The East West Bank handles more than \$30 billion in assets and has been ranked as one of the top 15 banks in the world by Forbes. It held a check presentation ceremony August 24 at the Phelan branch of the Desert Community Bank, one of its divisions.

“The five-year drought has made every brush fire in California potentially destructive to our communities,” said Emily Wang, Director of Marketing and Community Development at East West Bank, to Victory Valley News. She said as members of San Bernardino County, East West is here with its community during difficult times.

“Therefore, upon learning the wide-spreading fire, we immediately contributed to the relief effort to help minimize the damage,” Wang said. “We are grateful to the firefighters who have been on the front line risking their lives to protect the community.”

Mike McClintock, President of the San Bernardino County Firefighters Association and who accepted the check, said he's thankful for East West Bank's generosity.

“I cannot thank Desert Community Bank and its parent company East West Bank enough for its generous donation to San Bernardino County Firefighters Association.” McClintock said to Victory Valley News. “San Bernardino County firefighters serve the Tri-Communities and many other communities with pride, and are committed to providing premiere fire services.”

A portion of the donation will go to the Fire Family Foundation to help families of firefighters, fire departments, charities and fire victims.

<http://www.pasadenanow.com/main/pasadenas-east-west-bank-donates-50000-to-san-bernardino-county-firefighters-association-in-wake-of-blue-cut-fire/#.V8cpqFsrJhE>

Brush fire burns 10 acres of foothills

Hector Hernandez Jr., Highland News

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A U.S. Forest Service fire crew makes its way to a fire that burned an estimated 10 acres of foothills just east of Michelle Lane, Aug. 30.

A quick and broad response encompassing numerous fire departments quickly brought a 10-acre brush fire under containment near the homes of Michelle Lane and its neighboring streets at the northern end of Palm Avenue, Aug. 10.

According to San Manuel Fire Department Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle, the fire was first reported by residents at 4:40 p.m. and the responding units from San Manuel Fire, **San Bernardino County Fire**, U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department had the 10-acre fire under full containment by 5:20 p.m. No structures were burned.

Helicopters from San Bernardino County Fire and Sheriff's Aviation helped in observations and water drops deeper in the hills while crews used hoses and hand tools nearer the homes. Two county inmate fire crews also helped in the response.

Several grateful residents, including San Bernardino City Unified School District Board Member and State Assembly candidate Abigail Medina, thanked the firefighters for their service by bringing bottles of water.

Naomi Stevenson and her children, Mia, 3, and Luke, 5, made their gift and thanked the firefighters for protecting their Holly Vista Drive home, the kids' idea.

"The firefighters came in really fast and we're really grateful," said Naomi.

According to Naomi, the fire was first seen behind the nearby water tank then quickly burned north. According to Tuttle, one firefighter was treated and taken to the hospital for heat exhaustion. There were no other reported injuries.

Cause of the fire is under investigation.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/brush-fire-burns-acres-of-foothills/article_8ef446f4-6f99-11e6-9916-fb6216086bee.html

Update 2: Palm Fire At Bottom Of Highway 330 – Full Containment

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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UPDATE 2: Tuesday, August 30 – 6:55 p.m.

Highland, CA – **San Bernardino County Fire** is reporting the Palm Fire is fully contained at about 10 acres.

There was one firefighter injury, according to information provided by County Fire.

County Fire was assisted by the U. S. Forest Service and CALFIRE.

UPDATE: Tuesday, August 30 – 5:45 p.m.

Highland, CA – The U. S. Forest Service is reporting the forward rate of progress on the Palm Fire west of highway 330 has been stopped.

The fire burned about 10 acres.

Firefighters are in mopping up mode.

ORIGINAL STORY

Highland, CA – The so-called Palm Fire just west of Highway 330 at Palm Avenue in Highland was reported at about five (5) acres shortly after it was reported about 4:45 p.m.

However, the U. S. Forest Service is reporting firefighters have a good handle on the fire and are making good progress.

The fire was initially called the Shadow Fire, according to Twitter posts by the Forest Service.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/08/30/palm-fire-at-bottom-of-highway-330/>

SBD Fest Airshow to feature SB Strong Plane Pull

Yazmin Alvarez, Inland Empire Community News

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courtesy photo/sbd fest Local fire and law enforcement agencies will show feats of strength as they participate in the SB Strong 757 Plane Pull. The fundraising event will benefit local public safety agencies that played a critical role in the Dec. 2 attacks in San Bernardino.

The skies over San Bernardino will be roaring Saturday as the annual air show — SBD Fest — returns to the SBD International Airport.

Featuring aerobatic performances headlined by the Patriots Jet Team, a country music concert featuring Thompson Square, and a car and motorcycle show, the second annual airfest is expected to attract thousands of airplane enthusiasts and families.

Among this year's event highlights include static aircraft displays, vintage car displays, motorcycle displays, military aircraft, aerobatic and aerial acts, a kid's zone, food trucks, beer, and several vendors and sponsors.

SBD Fest 2016 will also double as a fundraising event for local public safety agencies that played a critical role in the Dec. 2 attacks in San Bernardino during the friendly strongman-like competition, SB Strong 757 Plane Pull.

Using brute strength, a team of firefighters will face off with law enforcement to test which team can pull a 757 aircraft the farthest in two minutes.

Donations toward the SB Plane Pull can be made by individuals through the Strong Plane Pull website, www.anython.com/SBDFest2016PlanePull.

Donors can select a dollar amount per foot pulled or contribute a flat amount.

Funds raised for the pull will benefit the San Bernardino Police Foundation, **San Bernardino County Firefighters'** Association and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Volunteer Administrative Support Unit.

Last year's inaugural event drew more than 10,000 spectators and was the first airshow held at the airport in more than 20 years. Mark Gibbs, director of aviation for SBD International Airport, says the hope is to not only build from last year's event, but also offer an opportunity to see the developments taking place at SBD International Airport and possibly even spark memories from the past.

"Many of our attendees last year spoke to us about being stationed and serving at Norton AFB, some having helped to coordinate the air shows our community so fondly remembers," Gibbs said in a news release.

SBD Fest, a one day event, is set from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 10 at the SBD International Airport, 1601 E Third Street in San Bernardino.

Ticket prices range from \$5- \$125 and are available at www.sbdfest.com/tickets. Admission is free for children under 5 and active military with ID.

For event schedule and to learn more, visit www.sbdfest.com.

<http://iecn.com/sbd-fest-airshow-feature-sb%E2%80%88strong-plane-pull/>

Highway 18 Barrier: First Responders Meet With Caltrans

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Representatives of the California Highway Patrol, U.S. Forest Service, CALFIRE and San Bernardino County Fire met with Caltrans this week to discuss the Highway 18 Thrie-Beam Median Project. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)

Mountain Communities – The turnout opposite the San Bernardino City Limit sign on Highway 18 was the venue for a meeting of first responders and Caltrans to discuss the Thrie-Beam Median Project and included a demonstration by a **San Bernardino County Fire** truck utilizing one of the emergency access points.

Representatives of the California Highway Patrol, CALFIRE, San Bernardino County Fire and the U.S. Forest Service were briefed by Caltrans’ Haissam Yahya, P.E. and resident engineer Nhan Nguyen, P.E.

THE BRIEFING

“One of the key issues we discussed,” Yahya told ROTWNEWS.com, “was the number of emergency access points to be used by first responders in case of emergency.”

Yahya said that during meetings with the Crestline and Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Councils he had promised residents that Caltrans would continue to work with first responders to make sure the project helped prevent cross-over accidents and would be safe in the event of a major incident.

The speed limit in the work zone continues to be 45 miles per hour and is being enforced by the California Highway Patrol. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)

“After seeing the fire truck make two runs through the emergency access point,” he said, “those at the meeting were satisfied that as of now there is no need for additional openings.”

Nguyen explained to ROTWNEWS.com that he informed the first responders that Alcorn Fence Company crews were now working on the “most difficult” section of the project because the roadway was built over rock and it was taking extra time to drill for the steel posts that hold the barrier in place.

“But,” Nguyen said, “I informed them that Alcorn should complete the project on or before October 1.”

REGULAR MEETINGS

Caltrans spokesperson Terri Kasinga informed ROTWNEWS.com that the multi-agency team planned to hold regular meetings to review the barrier and that Caltrans would be reviewing all major incidents on Highway 18 to make adjustments, if necessary.

Kasinga also stressed that Caltrans will continue to meet with residents at the Lake Arrowhead and Crest Forest MAC’s.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Another item that was discussed was emergency contingencies in the event of a major event requiring evacuation of the mountain communities.

Yahya emphasized that existing plans are already in place and revised to include the barrier.

“We’re prepared to initiate the plan to allow a safe commute off the mountain,” he added.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/09/01/highway-18-barrier-first-responders-meet-with-caltrans/>

Backyard blaze at San Bernardino home under investigation, goats injured

Doug Saunders, The Sun

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Firefighters battled a rubbish fire Wednesday morning in San Bernardino. A family's goats were injured in the blaze. Photo By Doug Saunders

SAN BERNARDINO >> A family's herd of goats were slightly injured in a backyard blaze Wednesday morning.

San Bernardino County Fire dispatch received calls of a car on fire shortly after 8 a.m. in the 24000 block of East Independence Street.

Upon arrival, personnel for a structure protection assignment were called out, but they later learned it was a rubbish fire in the backyard of the home, according to firefighters at the scene.

Within minutes, the blaze — which had sent a large plume of smoke into the air, visible for miles — was out.

Firefighters at the scene said no people were injured. But the family pets, goats, had received injuries due to the flames. Animal Control officers as well as arson investigators were called to the scene.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160901/backyard-blaze-at-san-bernardino-home-under-investigation-goats-injured>

San Bernardino firefighters battle Little Mountain vegetation fire

Doug Saunders, The Sun

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San Bernardino County firefighters battled a small brush fire Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, at the top of Little Mountain in San Bernardino. (Photo by Doug Saunders/San Bernardino Sun)

SAN BERNARDINO >> Firefighters made a swift attack, putting out a fire on the north side of Little Mountain Thursday morning.

The fire, which was reported around 6 a.m., burned about a quarter of an acre, said firefighters at the scene.

Within minutes of their arrival, hand crews hiked up the mountain and put the fire out.

It's unclear how the fire started. An arson investigator was on scene.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160901/san-bernardino-firefighters-battle-little-mountain-vegetation-fire>

Traffic Accident: Air Rescue 06 Transported Male Patient to Loma Linda (Photo Update)

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim Of The World News

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The male driver of this vehicle was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center following an over the side accident on Live Oak Drive in Running Springs. (Photo by April Darnell-Whitman)



Air Rescue 06 takes off from Highway 330 after Running Springs Fire personnel transferred the male patient to the chopper. (Photo by Running Springs Fire)



Running Springs Fire personnel assisted by San Bernardino County Fire extricated the driver of this vehicle following an accident near Highway 330. (Photo by April Darnell-Whitman)

UPDATE 5: Thursday, September 1 – 1:08 p.m.

Running Springs, CA – The male driver of the vehicle involved in the Live Oak accident in Running Springs was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center by Air Rescue 06, according to Running Springs Fire.

The patient's condition is unknown at this time.

UPDATE 4: Thursday, September 1 – 12:54 p.m.

Running Springs, CA – Highway 330 has reopened now that Air Rescue 06 has departed with the traffic accident patient.

The pilot car is now escorting traffic through the area being paved on Highway 330.

Expect delays.

UPDATE 3: Thursday, September 1 – 12:26 p.m.

Running Springs, CA – The extrication is complete and the patient is enroute to the landing zone for transport by Air Rescue 06 to a trauma center.

Medical Ambulance 50 from Running Springs Fire is transporting the patient to the chopper.

UPDATE 2: Thursday, September 1 – 12:22 p.m.

Running Springs, CA – Running Springs Fire has notified ROTWNEWS.com that the extended extrication is still in progress (12:15 p.m.).

Air Rescue 06 is in the ground at the designated landing zone and will transport patient once the extrication is complete.

UPDATE: Thursday, September 1 – 11:54 a.m.

Running Springs, CA – The California Highway Patrol has closed down Live Oak Drive in Running Springs between Leprechaun Drive and Ferndale Drive to allow emergency personnel to extricate the driver of a vehicle that went over the side of the roadway.

ORIGINAL STORY

Running Springs, CA – A single-vehicle accident on Live Oak Drive near Highway 330 involves the extended extrication of the driver by Running Springs Fire personnel.

However, the California highway Patrol is reporting the vehicle is starting to roll over and the front is wrapped around a tree over the side of the road.

Running Springs Fire has requested **San Bernardino County Fire's** Heavy Rescue 91 to the scene.

A San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit — Air Rescue 6 — is also on standby.

The Oak Incident began about 11:15 a.m., Thursday morning.

Additional details will be reported as they become available.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/09/01/traffic-accident-extrication-needed-vehicle-over-the-side/>

Pilot Fire Community Meeting Set

Mountain News

Posted: September 1, 2016

San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Rutherford's office will host the public safety agencies at the September Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting to discuss the Pilot Fire.

The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa.

The Pilot Fire started on Sunday, Aug. 7 and burned 8,110 acres, resulting in evacuations in Deer Lodge Park, North Lake Arrowhead and parts of Hesperia.

The U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire, **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol will provide a brief overview of the fire, impacts to the community and answer questions.

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