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County fire Battalion Chief Mike Snow prepares to answer questions about a December house fire in Wonder Valley during a community meeting at the Wonder Valley Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 14. Kurt Schauppner The Desert Trail

WONDER VALLEY — A December house fire on Shelton Road here provided the spark for a lively discussion at a community meeting at the Wonder Valley Community Center here Saturday morning, Jan. 14.

The fire struck late at night on Friday, Dec. 2, at a house on Shelton Road not far from the community center and the Wonder Valley fire station.

Controversy which arose following the fire included a claim that the water tender did not arrive for more than 30 minutes after the fire was reported.

Discussion of the fire shared time at the meeting with discussion of illegal gunfire, squatters and off-road vehicle complaints at the monthly community meeting.

Addressing the fire, Battalion Chief Mike Snow noted that it took place in the 3100 block of Shelton Avenue, that the call came in at 11:38 p.m. and that firefighters from Wonder Valley, Twentynine Palms and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center responded to the call.

“We had lots of resources on the road,” he said, noting that approaching firefighters could see flames from two miles out.

When they reached the blaze, he said, 50 percent of the building was involved.

“There was also a wind during the fire,” he said. “They had their hands full when they got on the scene.”

When so much of a building is involved, he said, firefighters concentrate on keeping the fire from spreading to other structures.

“We are an all-risk agency,” he said. “Thankfully in this particular circumstance they were in quarters.”

He added that firefighters might have been out of the station on another call when the structure fire call came in. The house was owned by resident Jason Yoho, who was at the meeting to address the loss.

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One Person Injured In Collision on Hesperia Road in Victorville

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A female passenger was transported to a hospital for minor-moderate injuries. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) North and southbound lanes of Hesperia Road near Green Tree Boulevard were closed while authorities investigated an early morning collision.

The call was dispatched at approximately 12:43 a.m. Wednesday morning as a hit-and-run head on collision.

However, when first responders arrived on scene they located two vehicles, a red Honda Accord with major front end damage and a dark-colored Toyota Camry with rear-end damage.

The occupants of the Camry fled on foot leaving behind the vehicle, which had authorities puzzled since the driver would not have been at fault if they remained at the scene.

The driver of the Honda said he was traveling north on Hesperia Road when he crashed into the back of the Camry that was traveling in the same direction.

“It was dark and I didn’t see the car in front of me, I wasn’t sure if they were stopped or just driving slow,” he stated.

A female passenger in his Honda required medical attention for moderate non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital.

The driver of the Honda was cited for driving without his license and insurance.

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