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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Set your clocks forward one hour and change your batteries on Sunday, March 12

Commentary by Louis Penna Via Fontana Herald News

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Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m. It's time to "spring forward" one hour. You know what that means -- change your clocks and change your batteries!

While phones, computers, and tablets may change themselves, it's up to you to keep yourself and your family safe by changing your smoke alarm batteries.

Working smoke alarms save lives, that tell-tale beeping can get everyone out safely and avoid tragedy.

Three out of five home deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This is especially important if someone in your home smokes. Fires caused by smoking materials like cigarettes are the leading cause of fire-related deaths; accounting for 23 percent of all fatalities.

An alarm should be installed on every floor of your home, in every bedroom, and outside of all sleeping areas.

Here are some tips to installing smoke alarms:

- Best place to mount your smoke alarm is on the ceiling.
- Keep smoke alarms at least 4-6 inches away from the nearest wall.
- Always test your newly installed smoke alarm.
- If you cannot mount the alarm on the ceiling, install it high on the wall 4-12 inches from the ceiling.

It's simple: the more alarms you have, the greater your chances are of surviving a fire. Don't skimp on smoke alarms around the home!

However, just installing a smoke alarm is NOT enough. It needs to be tested monthly and the batteries changed every year.

As well as working smoke alarms, every household should have an evacuation plan. Practice it! Make sure everyone knows how to get out and where to meet.

Never go back inside a burning building! If someone is missing, inform the dispatcher when you call 911. Firefighters have the proper training to perform rescues.

A working smoke alarm can decrease a family's risk of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Batteries from household smoke alarms may be recycled at your nearest household hazardous waste recycling facility.

For more fire safety information, visit www.sbcfire.org.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/daylight-savings-set-your-clocks-forward-one-hour-and-change/article_1118c594-04e4-11e7-8a55-1f177c79bfae.html

Change Clocks and Batteries

Mountain News

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Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12, at 2 a.m. and County Fire asks residents to not only “spring forward” one hour but to take the opportunity to change batteries in your smoke detectors.

“While phones, computers and tablets may change themselves, it’s up to you to keep yourself and your family safe by changing your smoke alarm batteries,” a County Fire spokesperson said.

Working smoke alarms save lives; that tell-tale beeping can cause everyone to get out safely and avoid tragedy.

Three out of five home deaths resulted from fires because there were no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. A working alarm is especially important if someone in your home smokes. Fires caused by smoking materials such as cigarettes are the leading cause of fire-related deaths, accounting for 23 percent of all fatalities (Source: NFPA, U.S. Home Structure Fires).

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It’s simple: the more alarms you have, the greater your chances are of surviving a fire, the spokesperson said. Don’t skimp on smoke alarms around the home. However, just installing a smoke alarm is not enough. It needs to be tested monthly and the batteries changed every year.

As well as working smoke alarms, every household should have an evacuation plan. “And practice it,” the spokesperson said. “Make sure everyone knows how to get out and where to meet. Never go back inside a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the dispatcher when you call 9-1-1. Firefighters have the proper training to perform rescues.”

A working smoke alarm can decrease a family’s risk of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent. Batteries from household smoke alarms may be recycled at your nearest household hazardous waste recycling facility.

For a list of household hazardous waste locations and additional fire safety information, visit www.sbcfire.org.

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_ab228216-045c-11e7-a64e-ff82b8d30a53.html

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday

Daily Press

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Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday and the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** is reminding residents to set clocks ahead one hour and change smoke alarm batteries.

While phones, computers and tablets may change themselves, it's critical to change smoke alarm batteries to keep safe.

According to a County Fire news release, three out of five home deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This is especially important for households with smokers. A smoke alarm should be installed on every floor of your home, in every bedroom and outside of all sleeping areas.

A working smoke alarm can decrease a family's risk of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent, according to County Fire.

Batteries from household smoke alarms may be recycled at a local household hazardous waste recycling facility. For a list of household hazardous waste locations and additional fire safety information, visit www.sbcfire.org.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20170309/daylight-saving-time-starts-sunday>

Authorities warn of drowsy driving dangers tied to Daylight Saving Time

Jose Quintero, Daily Press

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With clocks springing forward an hour Sunday, California Highway Patrol officials say motorists may find themselves "short of sleep" and they want the public to be aware of the risks of drowsy driving. [Charlie Riedel, Associated Press]

Going to sleep "later" and waking up "earlier" due to Daylight Saving Time can lead to drowsy driving, meaning danger on the roads, authorities warn.

With clocks springing forward an hour Sunday, California Highway Patrol officials say motorists may find themselves "short of sleep" and they want the public to be aware of the risks of drowsy driving.

Preliminary 2016 information shows that 33 people died and nearly 4,000 were injured in collisions caused by fatigued or sleepy drivers, the agency said. Statewide Integrated Traffic Reporting System data also indicates that sleepy or fatigued drivers were responsible for more than 6,700 collisions.

The National Sleep Foundation says sleep-related collisions are most common in "young people" who tend to stay up late, don't get enough sleep and drive at night. More than 50 percent of collisions nationwide where a driver fell asleep involve drivers under 25, the agency said. Additional data from a Sleep in America poll shows that 66 percent of Americans admitted to driving while sleepy and 37 percent admit to falling asleep behind the wheel in the past year.

"When clocks are set forward in the spring, people often lose an hour of sleep," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said. "Drowsy driving can have the same effect on a person as drinking alcohol, with equally deadly consequences. The skills required to be a safe driver are significantly reduced when you have not had enough sleep."

Authorities say trouble focusing, heavy eyelids, an inability to remember the last stretch of road traveled, constant yawning, head bobbing and drifting from a traffic lane are all signs of drowsy driving.

San Bernardino County Fire Department officials say residents should not only adjust their clocks Sunday, but also change batteries in home smoke alarms.

A quick test of smoke alarms and fresh batteries will help ensure these lifesaving devices can give early warning in case of a structure fire, officials said.

Fire officials warn that smoke alarms should be installed in all rooms and hallways that lead to bedrooms. Smoke alarms over 10 years old should also be replaced.

"Three out of five home deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms," County Fire officials said in a statement. "This is especially important if someone in your home smokes. Fires caused by smoking materials like cigarettes are the leading cause of fire-related deaths — accounting for 23 percent of all fatalities."

While changing batteries on smoke alarms, this is also a time to practice an escape plan to get our out of a burning home in under two minutes, according to the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross and its partners have helped to save at least 159 lives and installed more than 702,000 smoke alarms in over 9,000 cities nationwide, as of Jan. 31, through the Home Fire Campaign. The campaign is a multi-year nationwide initiative launched in October 2014 to reduce deaths and injuries caused by home fires.

"When you turn your clocks ahead this weekend, it's a great time to also test your smoke alarms," Red Cross Regional Disaster Program Officer Debbie Leahy said. "Take a few minutes to replace your smoke alarm batteries and push the test button to make sure the alarms are working."

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170309/authorities-warn-of-drowsy-driving-dangers-tied-to-daylight-saving-time>

San Bernardino County Air Rescue 7 performed rescue of an injured hiker

Highland News

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Air 307 to the rescue

On Wednesday, March 8th, 2017, members of the Sheriff's Department Emergency Operations Division received information regarding an injured hiker in the Pinnacles area of Lake Arrowhead. The Office of Emergency Services for the State of California received an activation from an In-Reach personal locator device. The activation included text messages, which said the victim, William Simpson, 67, of Santa Monica, had fallen while hiking and was suffering from injuries.

The crew of San Bernardino County Air Rescue 7 was requested to assist. The crew, Corporal Michael Gilley, Fire Captain Mark Murphy, Fire Captain Eric Spies, Fire Captain Jerren Grundy and Deputy Paul Kowalski responded to the location. Using the GPS coordinates provided by OES, the crew was able to locate Simpson on a trail. They were able to land near Simpson and confirmed he had activated his device. The crew loaded Simpson into the helicopter and flew him to a nearby waiting ambulance for further treatment.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/crime_and_fire/san-bernardino-county-air-rescue-performed-rescue-of-an-injured/article_a19a1348-04ee-11e7-9c54-1332806e393b.html

Santa Monica hiker rescued from Lake Arrowhead area after activating personal locator

Beatriz Valenzuela, San Bernardino Sun

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LAKE ARROWHEAD >> A 67-year-old hiker from Santa Monica was rescued after he fell and injured himself near Lake Arrowhead on Wednesday, San Bernardino County Sheriff's officials said.

William Simpson activated his personal locator after falling Wednesday morning while hiking in The Pinnacles area of the mountain community, according to a sheriff's press release. The devices are designed to alert search-and-rescue services of a person's location in the event of emergency on land or sea.

The sheriff's Emergency Operations Division received the information on the injured hiker from the Office of Emergency Services for the State of California following Simpson activating his In-Reach device.

Using the GPS coordinates provided by OES , the crew of San Bernardino County Air Rescue 7, Cpl. Michael Gilley, Fire Capt. Mark Murphy, Fire Capt. Eric Spies, Fire Capt. Jerren Grundy and Deputy Paul Kowalski, found Simpson on a trail and flew him to a nearby ambulance for further treatment.

Authorities remind hikers to be prepared when hiking in the local mountains and deserts and to carry personal locators in the case of an emergency.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20170309/santa-monica-hiker-rescued-from-lake-arrowhead-area-after-activating-personal-locator>

Teen struck by car while walking relative to cheerleading practice near Columbia Middle School

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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A damaged Nissan is parked near the corner of Aster and Seneca roads on Wednesday. A 16-year-old boy was struck by the Nissan while walking on the sidewalk parallel to Aster Road. The boy was transported to a local trauma center. [PAOLA BAKER, DAILY PRESS]

ADELANTO — A teenage boy was transported by air to a trauma center Wednesday after he was struck by a vehicle near Columbia Middle School, authorities said.

The incident, which occurred in front of the school in the 14400 block of Aster Road, was reported just after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials were tight-lipped on details, but confirmed a juvenile was struck and injured.

San Bernardino County Fire Department spokesman Eric Sherwin said the boy was in "critical condition" and was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment.

The boy, a 16-year-old Adelanto High School student, was walking a relative to cheerleading practice, according to a woman who identified herself at the scene as his aunt. A Nissan "jumped the curb" and struck him, according to the relative, who spoke with family members.

Several witnesses on scene said they heard what sounded like "a loud boom" when the crash occurred.

Abraham Martinez, who works for an after-school program, said he attended to the boy until an ambulance arrived. He told the Daily Press the teenager was airborne after he was struck.

"His head was cracked open," Martinez said, " and he was bleeding from his head."

Other witnesses said the driver attempted to flee following the incident, but Sheriff's officials said the driver remained on scene. The Nissan's front and rear windshields were shattered from the impact.

Aster Road was closed in both directions between Seneca Road and Celesta Street due to the ongoing investigation. The closure was expected to last for several hours, according to Sheriff's officials on scene.

As of Wednesday night, Sheriff's Department had not yet confirmed how the incident occurred and it was under investigation by the Victor Valley Sheriff's Station Major Accident Investigation Team. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170308/teen-struck-by-car-while-walking-relative-to-cheerleading-practice-near-columbia-middle-school>

Juvenile Hit by Car Prompts Road Closures in Adelanto

Victor Valley Daily Press

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A child was struck by a car in Adelanto in front of Columbia Middle School. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) A juvenile is fighting for his life after being struck by a vehicle in front of Columbia Middle School Wednesday evening.

On March 8, 2017, at about 5:33 p.m. dispatch received reports of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle on the 14400 block of Aster Road in Adelanto.

The juvenile, said to be 16-years-old, was reported to have sustained head trauma and was bleeding and not responding, according to witnesses.

"I heard the impact, it was a loud boom and by the time I looked over the kid was already lying on the ground on his stomach and not responding," said Adelanto Resident Demetrus Wills, "then I saw another car driving behind the man who hit him telling him to stop."

San Bernardino County Fire requested an airship to land at the football field of the school. The airship landed, however, the flight was canceled due to the juvenile going into full cardiac arrest and not being stable enough to fly.

The child was taken by ground ambulance to Victor Valley Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the involved vehicle, a Nissan Altima, remained at the scene and was speaking with authorities. Both the front and the rear windshield was shattered after the collision.

“They need to put some kind of lights by the school, so many people are losing their kids out here. Speed bumps, traffic lights, something to help make it safer,” Demetrus said.

Aster Road is closed between Palmdale Road and Seneca Road for several hours while the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) processes the scene. Information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/juvenile-hit-car-prompts-road-closures-adelanto/>

No Injuries Reported in Victorville House Fire

Victor Valley News Group

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(Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Cali. (VVNG.com) No injuries were reported after a home caught fire in Victorville Wednesday night.

The fire was reported around 9 p.m. at a corner home located on Placida Road and Tawney Ridge Lane.

The flames were contained to a small portion of the house after firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** arrived and knocked down the fire within 20 minutes.

A nearby resident said the homeowners were in the process of moving and the house is believed to be unoccupied.

Deputies are reviewing surveillance recorded by neighboring houses to determine if any person was captured fleeing the home.

<http://www.vvng.com/no-injuries-reported-victorville-house-fire/>

San Bernardino County Sheriff's detectives take lead of Blue Cut fire investigation

Doug Saunders, The Sun

Posted: March 9, 2017 5:51 PM



The Blue Cut fire burns near train tracks in the Cajon Pass on August 16, 2016. (Doug Saunders, staff/The Sun, SCNG)

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY >> The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has been designated as the lead agency investigating the horrific Blue Cut fire that consumed thousands of acres of desert last August, U.S. Forest Service officials announced Thursday.

"We are transitioning the media inquiries to San Bernardino Sheriff's Office on the Blue Cut fire," USFS spokesman John Miller said in an emailed statement. "They are now the lead agency."

However sheriff's officials say they're not the agency that will determine whether the fire was arson or accidental, that will still stay in the hands of the U.S. Forest Service, but according to sheriff's Lt. Sarkis Ohannessian they are conducting any and all criminal investigations pertaining to the firestorm.

The Blue Cut fire erupted in mid-August along Old Cajon Boulevard and would eventually consume nearly 57 square miles (more than 37,000 acres) of terrain throughout the Cajon Pass.

The blaze destroyed more than 300 structures, about a third of which were homes, and forced the evacuation of about 82,000 residents.

Officials have said the fire displayed unprecedented growth in its first few hours. It grew to 18,000 acres — about 28 square miles — in less than 24 hours.

The intense flames forced the 15 Freeway — the main artery between the Inland Empire and the High Desert — to shut down for several days.

Sheriff's officials said the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call investigators at 909-387-8313.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20170309/san-bernardino-county-sheriffs-detectives-take-lead-of-blue-cut-fire-investigation>

Homeless Woman Arrested for Setting Fire to Target Dumpster Enclosure

24/7 Headline News

Posted: March 9, 2017

VICTORVILLE – On Wednesday at around 5:05 p.m. the dumpster enclosure behind the old Target store located in the 14000 block of Amargosa Road burst into flames. A homeless woman, identified as Amanda Bolin, 27, who appeared to be shaken could be seen attempting to retrieve her items which appeared to be stored in the enclosure. Two off-duty or plain clothes law enforcement officers assisted the woman while deputies and county firefighters were en route.

Bolin reported that a male subject who was known to her hit her, took cash from her, started the fire before leaving the area. Deputies from the Victorville Station arrived and a San Bernardino County Fire Department fire engine, Battalion Chief, a Fire Investigator, and an AMR ambulance responded to the scene.

Bolin was found to have a lighter and flammable liquid in her possession. She was arrested and booked into the High Desert Detention Center for aggravated arson and is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bail. She is scheduled to appear at the Victorville Superior Court on Friday afternoon.

The fire was extinguished by 5:15 p.m. No one was injured as a result of the incident.

<https://247headline.com/homeless-woman-arrested-for-setting-fire-to-target-dumpster-enclosure/>

Tractor-trailer wreck closes I-40 near Needles

Mohave Daily News

Posted: March 10, 2017, 4:00 AM

NEEDLES — A collision between a tractor-trailer rig and at least one other vehicle closed westbound Interstate 40 south of Needles on Thursday.

According to the California Highway Patrol, a semi was involved in a wreck around 1:14 p.m. PST near Mile Marker 149, at the Needles Border Station, about halfway between the Arizona state line and Needles. Initial reports indicated that as many as six vehicles, including the semi and a motor home, may have been involved in the crash, which remains under investigation. At least two people were taken to Colorado River Medical Center in Needles with unspecified injuries.

At one point, the semi was reportedly leaking diesel fuel. **San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel responded to the scene.

Both westbound lanes were closed for about half an hour as crews responded. One lane of westbound I-40 was closed for nearly 4 1/2 hours while emergency crews removed the wreckage.

The result was a miles-long traffic backup on I-40 into Arizona for traffic trying to reach California. Traffic reopened around 5:52 p.m. PST.

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/tractor-trailer-wreck-closes-i--near-needles/article_d1625a6c-0580-11e7-ab7e-bb2573f038e7.html