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Injured Hiker Rescued From Deep Creek Hot Springs Area

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DEEP CREEK: (VVNG.com)- A 48-year-old woman from Corona was rescued after injuring herself while hiking on Wednesday, May 25th.

At approximately 6:45 PM, Sheriff's Dispatch received a request from **San Bernardino County Fire** to assist with locating an injured hiker in the Deep Creek Hot Springs area.

The victim, Joyce Warter, was attempting to hike down to the hot springs when she fell and sustained a non-life threatening injury.

The Sheriff's desert helicopter, 40 King 3, responded to the area, located Warter on the trail and determined a hoist rescue would be required.

Corporal Jon Anderson piloted the helicopter while Deputy Carlos Quezada lowered Corporal Mike Ells 60 feet down to the victim. Warter was placed in a Screamer Suit rescue harness and hoisted up to the helicopter.

Warter was subsequently transported a short distance and transferred to fire and medical personnel.

<http://www.vvng.com/injured-hiker-rescued-from-deep-creek-hot-springs-area/>

Helicopter Rescue of an Injured Hiker in the Deep Creek Hot Springs Area

The Desert Independent
Posted: May 27, 2016

HESPERIA, Calif – On Wednesday, May 25, at approximately 6:45 in the evening, Sheriff's Desert Dispatch received a request from **San Bernardino County Fire** to assist with locating an injured hiker in the Deep Creek Hot Springs area. The victim, Joyce Warter (age 48 of Corona), was attempting to hike down to the hot springs when she fell and sustained a non-life threatening injury.

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<http://www.thedesertinde.com/Articles-2016/SandR-Helicopter-Rescue-of-an-Injured-Hiker-in-the-Deep-Creek--0527.html>

Three seriously injured in crash involving semi

Airships called to scene on Highway 395 in Hesperia

Staff reports, Daily Press

Posted: May 29, 2016, 5:49 PM

HESPERIA — Three people were seriously injured in a crash Sunday afternoon involving a vehicle and semi-truck, **San Bernardino County Fire** spokesman Jeff Allen said.

The incident was reported at 1:42 p.m. on Highway 395 and Three Flags Court.

Allen said that extrication wasn't necessary, but the injured were flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center after three airships arrived on scene.

County Fire responded with 12 personnel, including three paramedic engines, a paramedic ambulance and a battalion chief.

Based on preliminary information, Allen said it appeared that no one was wearing a seat belt, and the sheriff's department was investigating the cause of the crash.

Allen said that County Fire sought to remind motorists that seat belts save lives, asking commuters this holiday weekend to please buckle up and drive safely.

Traffic delays were expected near Highway 395 and Joshua Street.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160529/NEWS/160529692>

HESPERIA: 3 hospitalized in crash on Highway 395

Ali Tadayon, Press Enterprise

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Three people were hospitalized Sunday, May 29, after a crash on Highway 395 in Hesperia.

Firefighters about 2 p.m. responded to the crash on Three Flags Road, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials tweeted. Two helicopters and two ambulances were sent to the scene.

By 3 p.m., all victims had been taken to hospitals, and firefighters were preparing to leave the scene.

Information on the circumstances of the crash was not immediately available. The Fire Department said via Twitter that motorists should expect delays at Joshua Street.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/crash-804244-three-officials.html>

Three Airlifted in Vehicle vs. Semi Crash on Highway 395

Victor Valley News
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HESPERIA:(VVNG.com)- A multi-injury traffic collision involving a vehicle and a semi shut down a portion of Highway 395 on Sunday afternoon.

The auto vs semi crash was reported at 1:42 PM, on May 29, 2016, at the intersection of Highway 395 and Three Flags Road north of Joshua Street.

According to **San Bernardino County Fire** Public Information Officer Jeff Allen, 3 paramedic engines, 1 paramedic ambulance, 12 county fire personnel, and 2 AMR units responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, authorities located a Chevy Malibu and a tractor-tractor combination in the intersection.

County Sheriff's officials said that the Chevy was traveling northbound on US Highway 395 and the tractor trailer was driving westbound on Three Flags Court attempting to make a left turn onto US Highway 395.

Witnesses statements and other investigation determined that one of the vehicles failed to stop at the circular red light at the intersection causing the collision. The Chevy sustained major damage and the tractor-trailer sustained moderate damage.

According to authorities, it appears the occupants of the Malibu were not wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

A total of three air ambulances were requested to transport three male patients who sustained unknown injuries. The male driver and male passenger of the Malibu were airlifted to Loma Linda Medical Center. A third occupant of the Malibu was airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

CalTrans responded to set up hard road closures on Highway 395 between Joshua Street and Poplar Street. Highway 395 is expected to be closed for several hours while authorities conduct the investigation.

The accident remains under investigation by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department MAIT (Major Accident Investigation Team).

Anyone with information, or anyone who may have witnessed the collision, is asked to contact Deputy Eric Getts or Deputy Simon DeMuri from the Hesperia Station at (760) 947-1500.

<http://www.vvng.com/three-airlifted-in-vehicle-vs-semi-crash-on-highway-395/>

Dark plume in northern Victorville result of RV fire

Motor home blaze knocked down in 8 minutes

Shea Johnson, Daily Press

Posted: May 29, 2016, 11:58 AM

Updated: May 29, 2016, 11:59 AM



County Fire crews continue dousing an RV after it became fully engulfed in flames Sunday morning in Victorville. Shea Johnson, Daily Press.

VICTORVILLE — San Bernardino County Fire was investigating a fully engulfed motor home fire Sunday morning that occurred in the front yard of a residence on the northeast corner of Amargosa and Placida roads.

The incident was reported as a vehicle fire at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, according to County Fire spokesman Eric Spies.

County Fire personnel arrived five minutes later and knocked down the blaze in roughly eight minutes, Spies said.

A dark plume of smoke in the sky had been visible from at least three miles away.

Nobody was injured, and the occupants of the home were all outside when County Fire arrived on scene, according to Spies, who added that fire crews were also able to limit the blaze's extension to the home to "very minimal damage."

County Fire responded with three paramedic engines, a paramedic truck, a battalion chief and an investigator.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation as of 11:50 a.m. Sunday.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160529/NEWS/160529696/0/SEARCH>

An Unattended Candle Sparks Sunday Morning Motorhome Blaze

Christie Martin, Victor Valley News

Posted: May 29, 2016

VICTORVILLE-(VVNG.com): The cause of a motorhome fire Sunday morning was determined to be an unattended candle fire officials said. At around 10:50 a.m. firefighters were dispatched to a fully involved motorhome that was parked less than 10 feet from a home on the corner of Amargosa and Placida Roads.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to the blaze with three paramedic engines, a paramedic truck, a battalion chief and a fire investigator. The first unit arrived on scene within five minutes to find the occupants standing safely outside of the home.

The fire was knocked down less than 10 minutes after their arrival. Damage to the home was very minimal due to the quick and precise efforts of firefighters. The motorhome was a complete loss. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

<http://www.vvng.com/an-unattended-candle-sparks-sunday-morning-motorhome-blaze/>

Highway 138 Motorcycle Accident Claims Huntington Beach Man's Life

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

Posted: May 30, 2016, 4:17 AM

Hesperia, CA – A 26-year-old Huntington Beach man died Sunday afternoon from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident near Summit Valley Road on Highway 138. The incident closed that section of the roadway for roughly four hours.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner notified next of kin of Joshua Ryan Persons and released the name to the media.

THE INCIDENT

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident that was reported about 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Persons was riding his motorcycle eastbound on Highway 138, skidded into the on-coming lane on a curve roughly five miles east of Interstate 15, according to a media release.

Person's motorcycle collided with a sport utility vehicle towing a pontoon boat.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Although wearing a helmet, Persons sustained major head injuries.

San Bernardino County Fire personnel arrived at the scene and pronounced Person's dead at 1:54 p.m.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/05/30/highway-138-motorcycle-accident-claims-huntington-beach-mans-life/>

Man Dead After State Route 138 Motorcycle Crash Sunday

Christie Martin, Victor Valley News

Posted: May 30, 2016

San Bernardino-(VVNG.com): A 26-year-old man died as a result of a Sunday afternoon motorcycle crash on State Route 138.

At around 1:28 p.m. Huntington Beach resident, Joshua Ryan Persons was riding his motorcycle eastbound on SR-138 around 5 miles east of the I-15 when he skidded into on-coming traffic on a curve.

His motorcycle slammed into a sport utility vehicle that was towing a pontoon boat. Person's was wearing a helmet, but according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's officials he sustained fatal head injuries.

San Bernardino County Fire Department medics arrived on the scene and pronounced Person's dead at around 1:54 p.m. The cause of the collision remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

<http://www.vvng.com/man-dead-after-state-route-138-motorcycle-crash-sunday/>

Firefighters attack burning trash pile

Kurt Schauppner, The Desert Trail

Posted: May 27, 2016, 10:53 AM



A San Bernardino County firefighter tends to a trash fire on Via Arenosa south of Amboy Road in Wonder Valley on Thursday, May 26. Kurt Schauppner The Desert Trail

WONDER VALLEY — Firefighters made quick work of a large burning pile of trash at an illegal dumpsite on Via Arenosa south of Amboy Road here Thursday morning.

The fire sent billows of smoke into the Wonder Valley sky.

Firefighters from the **Wonder Valley Fire Station** were joined by firefighters from the downtown Twentynine Palms fire station and had the fire under control in about 45 minutes.

The fire, reported a little before 7 a.m., burned a 60 foot by 60 foot area in the center of a roughly 10 acre illegal dumpsite.

Oscar Garcia, who moved to Wonder Valley from Honduras about two years ago, was cleaning the site when the fire broke out.

He continued to work, using a wheelbarrow to fill a large dumpster with trash, while firefighters battled the blaze.

He said he was burning wood on the site when the wind came up and a nearby trash pile caught on fire.

No injuries were reported.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/the_desert_trail/news/article_538654f8-2369-11e6-9ad6-c79ae6d1b189.html

Fire season prep

Firefighters work on technique, communication in multi-agency Bump and Run wildland drill

Paola Baker, Daily Press

Posted: May 27, 2016, 4:29 PM

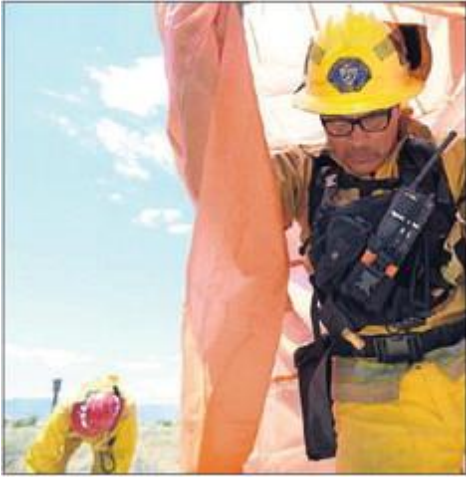
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Andrew Guerrero of Calfire runs a hose line while participating in a multi-agency wildland fire training drill where firefighters from several different agencies to worked together to practice battling large fires Friday. James Quigg, Daily Press



Firefighters from several area agencies debrief after conducting a portion of a Bump and Run wildland fire training on Friday. The purpose of the training was to prepare firefighters from several agencies to work together. James Quigg, Daily Press



San Bernardino County firefighter Chris Keith wraps himself up in a personal fire shelter during multi-agency fire training in Phelan on Friday. James Quigg, Daily Press

PHELAN — Firefighters ramped up for the upcoming fire season by holding a series of drills in the Phelan area on Friday.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department's** annual Bump and Run wildland drill brought firefighters from all over the county together to conduct training drills that aim to prepare residents and firefighters alike for possible fires.

“In Southern California, fire season is pretty much year round now,” County Fire engineer Jeff Allen said. “But there’s increased activity as we get into warmer temperatures, so that’s why we’ve started getting ready right now.”

Multiple fire agencies throughout the county, including Cal Fire and fire departments from Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, and Chino Valley, joined County Fire teams for the drills. The training consisted of a mock scenario in which firefighters responded to a vegetation fire in a rural area with homes nearby.

The various fire crews first met at County Fire Station 305 in Oak Hills Friday morning for a short briefing. The crews went over radio communications and drill operations before moving out to three separate locations just off Phelan Road.

According to Allen, firefighters’ first priority during a vegetation fire is structure defense, where fire crews seek to ensure homes and other structures are kept safe from incoming flames. A strong emphasis was placed on creating defensible space around homes and structures.

“We’re looking for about 100 feet of space around the home or structure,” Allen said, highlighting several homes nearby that fit the description. “Any surrounding vegetation should ideally be cleared to avoid spreading the flames. We also look for potential fuel sources near the home, such as a pile of wood nearby.”

Allen said firefighters also look at the material used for roofs of homes and structures, as some are more flammable and can hold on to embers that quickly spread flames through the home.

“We’re looking at different tactics, access and a good way out as well,” Allen said, regarding the drills. “Nearby water sources, such as a garden hose, are also useful for structure defense.”

Once structures are deemed to be protected, firefighters then aim to control the vegetation fire itself, using what Allen called a “progressive hose lay” where firefighters attempt to surround the blaze with hundreds of feet of water hoses.

Fire crews practiced this type of drill in an area off Phelan and Windermere roads Friday afternoon. Despite the lack of actual flames to put out, the sense of urgency and efficiency between crews was evident as firefighters ran across the vegetated area, spraying water across the “fire.”

Crews then got together for an afteraction review, where all participating firefighters go over what was done during the mock scenario. Allen said this ensures that firefighters know they are executing the right actions during a vegetation fire and are given an opportunity to correct any mistakes made.

As temperatures continue to rise, firefighters suggest residents take measures to protect homes and structures from possible fires. Firefighters will also continue to prepare as much as possible for any incidents that may occur, with drills such as Friday’s ensuring that crews are not only able to combat large fires, but do so efficiently.

“It’s just a good opportunity to prepare for fire season,” Allen said. “When these incidents happen, it’s all hands on deck.”

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/article/20160527/NEWS/160529736/0/SEARCH>

Women encourage others to participate in #22Kill push-up challenge

Initiative hopes to raise awareness of veteran’s suicide epidemic

Rene Ray De La Cruz, Daily Press

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APPLE VALLEY — Twenty-two veterans will be invited to participate in a special push-up challenge during the Memorial Day Service at Sunset Hills Memorial Park on Monday.

Sunset Hills Children’s Foundation Executive Director Jennifer Hernandez told the Daily Press that the veterans will be invited down on the grass area to perform 22 push-ups in memory of fellow veterans who took their own lives.

The push-ups are part of the #22Kill global movement where groups and individuals perform 22 push-ups and challenge others to do the same in honor of those no longer here.

The #22Kill initiative was created by the nonprofit Honor Courage Commitment in 2013 after learning that an average of 22 veterans commit suicide every day.

The HCC uses #22Kill to raise awareness of veteran suicide and mental health issues, to educate others about veteran-related topics, support various, veteran empowerment programs and to honor those who’ve served.

As part of the group "Working Women Pushing for Veterans," Hernandez, and friends Sarah Bosso with the High Desert Mavericks and Amanda Meere with Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's office, have taken their video

cameras and visited various locations in the High Desert as the group challenges others to get involved in the 22-day push-up challenge.

Earlier this month, over a dozen uniformed officers with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Victorville Station joined Hernandez and her group in the department's parking lot as they all performed 22 push-ups before challenging Battalion Chief Dan Munsey with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Hernandez and her group joined over 50 members of Victor Valley College's Fire, Paramedic/EMS and Administrative Justice Programs as they performed the push-ups in unison. The group has also been seen doing push-ups at the Adelanto Chamber Inaugural Bowling Tournament, Disneyland, and several local businesses.

Standing in Assembly Chambers at the California State Capitol, Obernolte recorded a video where he accepts the push-up challenge and drops to performs 22 push-ups while wearing his suit. After he was done, he challenged Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes to do the same.

Hernandez said that some 300 to 500 visitors are expected to attend the event on Memorial Day where the public is invited to participate in honoring the brave men and women in uniform who have died.

The Memorial Day ceremony begins at noon on Monday at the Memorial Park, located at 24000 Waalew Road in Apple Valley. For more information, visit www.sunsethills.cc or call (760) 208-1495. For information on #22kill, visit www.22kill.com

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20160528/women-encourage-others-to-participate-in-22kill-push-up-challenge>

Victorville Woman Injured in Pit Bull Attack

Christie Martin, Victor Valley News
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VICTORVILLE-(VVNG.com): A 35-year-old woman was injured as a result of a dog bite to both arms on Friday evening.

At around 5:55 p.m. the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, Victorville Station Deputies, AMR and Animal Control were dispatched to the report of a dog bite on the 14500 block of Crossing trail near Jockey Lane.

Per scanner traffic, the reporting party told dispatchers, that a woman at the residence had been bitten on both arms by a Pit Bull dog that would not release.

Authorities said that as the dog was contained in the backyard of the home he continued to lunge toward those containing him in an aggressive manner.

It is unclear what may have led to the attack at this time. The woman was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor to moderate injuries. Animal Control was called to the location to take the dog for a 10-day quarantine.

<http://www.vvng.com/victorville-woman-injured-in-pit-bull-attack/>

Young man dies in dirt bike accident in Fontana

Fontana Herald News

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Updated: May 29, 2016, 4:11 PM

A young man died in a dirt bike accident in southern Fontana in the early morning hours of May 28, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner's Division.

At 3:08 a.m., the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** received a call of an accident at Armstrong Road and Locust Avenue.

Paramedics responded to the scene to find that Marco Bayram, 22, of Ontario had been riding a dirt bike along an open field trail just east of Armstrong. He struck a log that was on the trail and was ejected. He was pronounced dead on scene at 4:03 a.m.

The Fontana Police Department is investigating the incident.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/young-man-dies-in-dirt-bike-accident-in-fontana/article_a25ba5a2-25b1-11e6-ba18-4fb8c15cef09.html

Construction accident sparks brush fire

Mohave Valley Daily News

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MOHAVE VALLEY — A contractor hit a power drop with his tractor while cleaning a lot, causing a small brush fire Thursday. No injuries were reported and no structures were lost, said Fire Marshal Don Gibson of the Mohave Valley Fire Department.

Mohave Valley Fire Department with Fort Mojave Mesa, state fire, and **San Bernardino Station 31** responded to a reported brush fire in the 1600 block of Lead Lane, he said.

“Units arrived to find a small brush fire burning around a mobile home and a garage,” Gibson said. “Residents were putting water on the fire prior to our arrival. Units were able to stop the fire before any structures were lost; there was some minor damage to the mobile home.”

The cause of the fire was ruled human caused accidental, Gibson said.

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/construction-accident-sparks-brush-fire/article_3a12cf2e-2639-11e6-81ee-a360b13f32ee.html

Several Sustain Knife Wounds Attempting to Break Up Hesperia Family Brawl

Christie Martin

Posted: May 30, 2016

HESPERIA-(VVNG.com): Several people suffered knife wounds while attempting to break up a family fight late Sunday night. Hesperia station deputies and the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** medics responded to a report of a possible stabbing of multiple parties at a home on the 8500 block of Cottonwood Avenue.

The reporting party told the dispatcher that a family member was attempting to stab them. Upon arrival, the suspects already fled the scene. Deputies located knives that they believed were used in the assault.

Through investigation, it was learned that two male family members, one armed with knives got into a fight. One of the males was knocked down and family attempted to disarm the man with the knives causing lacerations to their hands and fingers.

The victims were treated by paramedics at the scene. The two suspects were located and were transported to the hospital for the injuries sustained during their fight. San Bernardino County Sheriff's officials said that of the twenty family members who were involved in the fight none were stabbed.

The case has been submitted to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office for possible charges against the two suspects.

<http://www.vvng.com/several-sustain-knife-wounds-attempting-to-break-up-hesperia-family-brawl/>

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