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A day of remembrance: High Desert schools hold 9/11 ceremonies

Monica Solano, Victor Valley Daily Press

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John Logan stands for the Pledge of Allegiance with his son, Thomas Logan, during the Academy for Academic Excellence's 9/11 remembrance ceremony on Friday. Thomas Logan is a second-grader at the school. James Quigg, Daily Press

APPLE VALLEY — Students, faculty, loved ones and officials from throughout the High Desert gathered Friday morning to honor and remember those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Academy for Academic Excellence held its annual 9/11 ceremony in front of the school flagpoles, while Adelanto Elementary School held its third annual Day of Remembrance in the quad two days before the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

Both schools invited police officers, firefighters, emergency personnel, city officials and other guests. Special keynote speakers took the stage to talk to the students about one of the most tragic days in American history.

“We’ve been doing this annually as a way for the community to come together and honor those who either lost or gave their life as we know it on that tragic day,” said AAE Principal Wesley Kanawyer. “We’re proud to come together as a school and a community at a time like this to give our respects to the first responders, firefighters and all those who fought and served for our country.”

Apple Valley Fire Protection District Chief Sid Hultquist gave a short speech to guests and students at AAE.

“Fifteen years ago, we faced one of the most tragic and greatest loss of life in history. I remember watching those firefighters and, like many, wishing I could be there as many who were there knew they were going into death,” Hultquist told the crowd. “We’re gathered here today to not only remember those who have fallen, but for future generations to know what happened and how we banded together as a nation.”

At Adelanto Elementary School, students waved American flags, fans and pinwheels and cheered City Council members and officials as they made their way across the quad for their small ceremony.

Adelanto Principal Ramon Rizo gave a short speech as he educated the younger students about the events that occurred on 9/11.

“All week the children have decorated the quad with artwork honoring those who served and lost their lives as we’ve been including the history of what happened on 9/11 into their curriculum,” Rizo said. "This is not only a great way to get the younger students involved, but to educate them about an important day in history."

During the ceremony, Rizo was awarded a certificate from the American Legion's 25th District Vice Commander Michael Yates in recognition for the school’s achievements. A firetruck from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** was also parked in the school's parking lot as students excitedly approached the large vehicle and thanked the firefighters and police officers for their service.

“I was too little to remember what happened, but it’s very sad to know what did and today is a great reminder to not forget something this important in history,” said Cayla Hanson, 15, of Apple Valley.

Eleni Philippov, 15, of Apple Valley and Gianna Pineda, 16, of Apple Valley, said 9/11 is something important the community should always remember.

“It was tragic day in history, as well as saddening to know so many people lost their lives that day. But it’s also important to show our respects and remember all the brave people that fought that day to save the lives of many,” Philippov said.

As both ceremonies came to an end, students and guests paused for a moment of silence as they silently prayed and wished good thoughts to loved ones who still bear the scars from that tragic day.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/article/20160909/NEWS/160909744>

San Bernardino County events to honor victims of 9/11

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Photo By Sarah Alvarado Students from Redlands Adventist Academy in Redlands gather Friday for a 9/11 memorial ceremony.

Many communities are holding events to honor those lives lost 15 years ago in the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attack.

Here is a list of some of those in the area:

APPLE VALLEY

The Kiwanis Club of Apple Valley and the High Desert communities will hold a 9/11 memorial at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Civic Center Park in Apple Valley. One of the last remaining fire trucks from Ground Zero will be there, and the 9/11 Memorial & Foundation of Ft. Irwin will conduct a presentation.

San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon, Supervisor Robert Lovingood, and representatives from Apple Valley, Victorville, Hesperia, Hesperia Parks and Recreation, military personnel and local first responders are expected to attend.

Information: www.avkiwanis.org; email: applevalleykiwanis@gmail.com

CHINO HILLS

Chino Valley Fire District will conduct a 9:30 a.m. remembrance ceremony Sunday for the firefighters, police officers and citizens killed on 9/11.

The ceremony is coordinated by Battalion Chief Tim Stewart and will be at Station 66, 13707 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills. District chaplains Robert Lewis Jr. and Rob DePartee will speak. The program includes a flag presentation by the fire district's honor guard and placement of a commemorative wreath on the station's 9/11 Memorial.

FONTANA

The city of Fontana is holding a Sept. 11 remembrance event to honor the lives lost in the 9/11 attacks.

The event will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Steelworkers' Auditorium, 8437 Sierra Ave. The presentation will include speakers from the city, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and the Fontana Police Department, as well as a video showing the reconstruction of America since the attack.

County fire personnel will have a mounted piece of 9/11 steel that sits on a large scale trainer and also will be unveiling a piece of mounted rebar.

Information: 909-349-6953

HESPERIA

On Sunday, a 9/11 survivor and her children will read the names of those who lost their lives 15 years ago during a ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Renewed Christian Center, 17096 Sequoia Road, Hesperia.

LOMA LINDA

A 9/11 motorcycle memorial ride will take place Sunday in Loma Linda and will be followed by a ceremony at the Loma Linda Fire Department, 111325 Loma Linda Drive, home to a six-foot section of a beam from one of the World Trade Center twin towers.

Registration for the motorcycle ride opens at 8 a.m. at Quaid Harley-Davidson, 25160 Redlands Blvd. The ride is at 9 a.m. and the ceremony at 9:30.

Registration for the ride is free, with donations to the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and Warrior Build Foundation accepted.

ONTARIO

The Ontario American Legion is presenting its annual charity car show to honor the courage and sacrifices made on 9/11.

It will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion, 310 W. Emporia Ave., Ontario.

The event will also feature a special dedication at 10:30 a.m. by the Ontario Fire Department and the Ontario Police Association.

A buffet breakfast will be served for \$7, and a barbecue lunch for \$6.

Information: Rose Duplane, at the American Legion, 909-984-3811.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

The Rancho Cucamonga Police Department and the Fire District are holding a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. The ceremony will be held at Freedom Courtyard, 11200 Base Line Road.

Information: Kelley Donaldson, with the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District, 909-477-2770, ext. 3008; kelly.donaldson@cityofrc.us

REDLANDS

A candlelight vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday on the steps of Memorial Chapel at the University of Redlands. The event is free and open to the public.

The vigil will include a blessing and address by University Chaplain John Walsh, and music by students, staff, alumni and the community.

RIALTO

The Rialto Police Department is holding a ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday at the department's headquarters, 128 N Willow Ave.

SAN BERNARDINO

The annual 9/11 memorial service at City Hall is at 9 a.m. Sunday, hosted by the San Bernardino Sunset Rotary club. The remembrance will include a prayer and placing a wreath at the 9/11 memorial at City Hall, 300 N D St. Five local Rotary clubs originally dedicated the monument, along with a bench, in 2002, and after vandals defaced it was replaced by Sunset Rotary.

<http://www.sbsun.com/social-affairs/20160909/san-bernardino-county-events-to-honor-victims-of-911>

Local insurance company presents 9/11 flag

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Courtesy Photo

WoodmenLife presented a 9/11 flag to **San Bernardino County Fire Station 311** Friday. The flag, which has the names of each person who perished in the 2001 terrorist attacks, was delivered by field representative Ivan Ramos. A nonprofit insurance company, WoodmenLife takes pride in servicing not only its members, but also its community.

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Pilot fire discussed at community meeting

Ryan Hagen, The Sun

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Kathleen Opliger, San Bernardino County assistant fire chief, gives information about the Pilot fire at a community meeting Thursday in Lake Arrowhead. (Ryan Hagen / The Sun)

LAKE ARROWHEAD >> Ignoring evacuation orders doesn't just endanger you; it endangers everyone else, public safety officials warned during a meeting Thursday about the Pilot fire.

The U.S. Forest Service, CALFIRE, **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol gave a brief overview of the fire and informed residents about how to be ready for the next fire.

The Lake Arrowhead Municipal Advisory Council meeting, hosted by County Supervisor Janice Rutherford's office, drew dozens.

Both voluntary and mandatory evacuations are carefully considered, using years of experience about fire behavior, topography, wind and roads into the area, Kathleen Opliger, San Bernardino County assistant fire chief, said at the Pilot fire meeting.

"As you know, the roads here are very windy," Opliger said. "If you're going in, we can't go out."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said District Ranger Marc Stamer of the U.S. Forest Service.

The Pilot fire forced evacuations in Deer Lodge Park, North Lake Arrowhead, and parts of Hesperia as it burned 8,110 acres starting Aug. 7. A week later, when full firefighters began mopping it up just before the Blue Cut fire exploded nearby.

Also on Thursday, forest and fire personnel conducted a Blue Cut fire community meeting in Lytle Creek.

The Blue Cut fire burned 36,274 acres and destroyed 105 homes and damaged three others, according to CALFIRE.

Twin Peaks Sheriff's Department Captain Dale Gregory started his new assignment days before the first fire, making him an unexpected veteran by the time the second started.

“I’ve learned more about fire this month than ever since I put my hand on a stove and learned it was hot,” Gregory joked.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160909/pilot-fire-discussed-at-community-meeting>

5-year-old boy dies, three others injured in Hesperia crash

Monica Solano, Victor Valley Daily Press
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HESPERIA — A 5-year-old boy died and multiple people were injured after a vehicle rolled over early Saturday morning, officials said.

Just before 3:30 a.m., deputies from the Hesperia Sheriff's Station and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to reports of a traffic accident on Rancho Road just east of the Interstate 15 intersection east of Santa Fe Avenue in Hesperia.

Officials quickly arrived on scene to find a gray Ford Expedition rolled over on its passenger side approximately 100 feet at the bottom of the embankment on the south side of Rancho Road.

A Sheriff's deputy who had arrived on scene prior to firefighters and emergency personnel reported there were a total of five people inside the car, some of which were children, officials said.

According to officials, a 5-year-old boy succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Paramedics then requested two helicopters out of Hesperia Airport to airlift the remaining three patients, including infant twins and an 11-year-old child. They were flown by Mercy Air to Loma Linda Medical Center to be treated for serious, potentially life-threatening injuries, County fire spokesperson Jeff Allen said.

The driver of the vehicle, Raymond Ortega, claimed to be uninjured and refused medical treatment.

The Major Accident Investigation Team from the Hesperia Sheriff's Station and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) responded to the scene to conduct an investigation.

Through further investigation, it was determined the vehicle was driving east on Rancho Road when the driver collided with a curb on the north side of the eastbound lanes. The Ford then veered to the south side of the roadway where it collided with the curb, causing it to overturn and fall down the embankment before coming to a stop.

Additional resources were requested and a total of 16 County Fire personnel were on scene, including a battalion chief, truck company, three additional ground ambulances, a heavy rescue unit, and two air ambulances.

The Rancho eastbound road was closed between east of Santa Fe and Danbury Avenue until 12:30 p.m. while MAIT investigators processed the scene for evidence and interviewed witnesses, officials said.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20160910/5-year-old-boy-dies-three-others-injured-in-hesperia-crash>

6-Year-Old Killed in Crash; 3 Other Children Critically injured

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(Photo by Brandi Nichelle)

(CORRECTION: San Bernardino County Fire initially reported the deceased as a 6-year-old male. The information has since been updated to a 5-year-old male per the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department.)

HESPERIA, CA:(VVNG.com)- A fatal crash early Saturday morning claimed the life of a 6-year-old boy and critically injured three others, **San Bernardino County Fire** officials said.

At about 3:30 a.m. on September 10th, dispatch received reports of a traffic collision in the area of Rancho Road and Santa Fe Avenue East in the city of Hesperia.

Initial callers reported hearing the accident but no vehicle was visible.

The first paramedic engine and ambulance arrived on scene soon after dispatch and reported a single vehicle rollover approximately 100 feet over the side of an embankment.

A Sheriff's deputy who had arrived on scene prior to firefighters and EMS personnel reported that there were a total of 5 patients.

Additional resources were requested including a battalion chief, truck company, three additional ground ambulances, a heavy rescue unit, and two air ambulances. A total of 16 personnel responded to the scene.

Triage and assessment by County Fire paramedics determined that one patient, a 6-year-old boy, had sustained fatal injuries; three other patients including 7-month old infant twins and an 11-year-old were treated for serious, potentially life-threatening injuries.

All patients were prepared for transport and carried up the embankment to the awaiting ground ambulances.

The driver, later identified as Raymond Ortega claimed to be uninjured and refused medical treatment. All patients were transported by Mercy Air to Loma Linda University Medical Center which specializes in pediatric trauma care.

The Major Accident Investigation Team from the Hesperia Sheriff's Station responded to the scene to conduct an investigation. MAIT investigators determined the Ford Expedition was driving east on Rancho Road when the vehicle collided with the curb on the north side of the eastbound lanes of travel. The Ford then

veered to the south side of the roadway where it collided with the curb, overturning as it went down the embankment before coming to rest.

Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact Deputies Brian LoVasco or Chad Gomez from the Hesperia Sheriff's Station.

<http://www.vvng.com/6-year-old-killed-in-crash-3-other-children-critically-injured/>

Unoccupied Residential Structure Fire In Crestline Damages Home

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Crestline, CA – **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a residential structure fire on Deer Trail in Crestline just before 10:30 p.m. Sunday. First units on scene reported the unoccupied home fully involved with exposures.

The Deer Trail Incident brought out a full response from CALFIRE, the U.S. Forest Service and Crestline paid call firefighters, according to socialmountains.com.

Firefighters went into attack mode, a fire investigator was dispatched to the scene and Southern California Edison and The Gas Company were also requested to respond.

Once the “all clear” was declared crews went into overhaul, according to County Fire.

The residence is located in the 800 block of Deer Trail.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/09/12/unoccupied-residential-structure-fire-in-crestline-destroys-home/>

Fire damages unoccupied Crestline home

Beatriz Valenzuela, San Bernardino Sun

Posted: September 12, 2016, 7:18 AM

CRESTLINE >> Authorities are investigating what sparked a fire that swept through an unoccupied Crestline home late Sunday night.

The fire was reported around 11 p.m. in the 800 block of Deer Trail, according to a Twitter post by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Cal Fire crews assisted county firefighters in knocking down the blaze and preventing the flames from spreading, according to reports.

No one was hurt, and the cause is under investigation.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160912/fire-damages-unoccupied-crestline-home>

Rialto apartment fire displaces 3 adults, injuring 1

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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RIALTO >> Three adults were displaced and one of them injured Friday afternoon in an apartment fire, according to a Rialto Fire Department news release. The person was treated for minor injuries at the scene and released.

The fire in a two-story apartment building in the 1100 block of North Lilac Avenue was reported at 3:46 p.m., the news release states. Firefighters from Rialto and **San Bernardino County fire** departments arrived to see heavy smoke coming out of a second-floor window. They found the fire in a second-floor bedroom and contained it there, the release states.

The American Red Cross is helping the three displaced adults, according to the release.

Rialto Fire Department is investigating the cause of the blaze.

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<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160910/rialto-apartment-fire-displaces-3-adults-injuring-1>

Over The Side Accident On Highway 138 Leaves Driver “Dazed”

G.T. Houts, Rim of the World News

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The driver of a vehicle that went over the side of Highway 138 Saturday afternoon just before 3 p.m. was “dazed” from a head injury. The accident brought a response from the California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Fire and the U.S. Forest Service., (Photo by Marc Peebles/San Bernardino County Fire)

Crestline, CA – Saturday afternoon a vehicle went over the side of Highway 138 near mile marker 31 — between Crestline and Silverwood Lake — leaving the driver “dazed” but otherwise unhurt, according to the California Highway Patrol website.

San Bernardino County Fire and U. S. Forest Service personnel responded to the scene to attend to the driver who reported the accident and told dispatchers his vehicle was about 50-feet over the side.

The CHP requested a tow truck with about 100-feet of cable to retrieve the vehicle

Highway 138 was closed for a short time during the accident investigation and retrieval of the vehicle.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/09/11/over-the-side-accident-on-highway-138-leaves-driver-dazed/>