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Fire burns former sheriff's station

Martin Estacio, Daily Press

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County battalion chief Doug Nelson inspects the burned-out former Sheriff's station and county firefighters work on part of the roof still standing on Santa Fe Avenue in Hesperia. A blaze broke out Tuesday afternoon collapsing half of the roof, triggering an operational retreat. [Martin Estacio, Daily Press]

HESPERIA — A two-alarm fire tore through a former San Bernardino County Sheriff's station Thursday afternoon, forcing firefighters battling the blaze inside to pull out when half the roof collapsed.

First reported around 12:30 p.m., **San Bernardino County Fire** dispatch received calls of light smoke coming from the building, located at the corner of Walnut Street and Santa Fe Avenue near the Main Street overpass.

The first crew on scene, Medic Engine 302, had to force entry to start fighting.

Inside, they found heavy fire which they believed was burning in the attic, according to Battalion Chief Kelly Anderson.

About five minutes later, firefighters could see the roof starting to give way and called for an "operational retreat."

302's crew exited safely, and the attack switched to defensive.

As bellowing locomotives passed on nearby tracks, firefighters perched on extended ladder trucks sprayed torrents of water onto the burning building below.

Crews managed to extinguish most of the fire in about 30 to 40 minutes, but gusting winds hampered their efforts.

Anderson said crews were allowing the fire to extinguish itself in the "hidden spaces" because it was too dangerous for firefighters to move around inside the burned-out building.

One firefighter suffered second-degree burns and was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment.

The fire "will be investigated as suspicious in nature," said Anderson due to the building's condition.

The former police station has been vacant and boarded up since 2010, when the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department changed locations to Smoke Tree Street, said City of Hesperia spokesperson Dan Sousa.

Anderson said the building was "a total loss."

In total, 40 firefighters responded with eight engines, two trucks, one heavy rescue, and one ambulance.

As of 3:20 p.m., per scanner traffic, crews were still working to put out lingering fires.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190305/fire-burns-former-sheriffs-station>

Sb County Fire battles blaze in Hesperia at Old Sheriff's Station

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Photo credit: Carol Marie Maggio-King

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — **San Bernardino County Firefighters** are battling a heavy fire that broke out Tuesday afternoon in Hesperia.

The fire was reported at 12:31 p.m. in the area of Walnut Street and Sante Fe Ave at the old Sheriff's Department.

The Fire Department said in a Tweet that upon arrival they found fire through the roof of the abandoned, boarded up structure.

The fire crew encountered unsafe conditions, including a partial roof collapse to the front of the structure.

Firefighters upgraded the commercial structure fire to a second-alarm response, requiring additional resources.

Hesperia Sheriff's Deputies shut down Walnut Street at C Avenue. Those driving on the Main Street bridge near C Avenue experienced heavy smoke in the area.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

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Victor Valley under a wind advisory and rain expected till Friday

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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(Hugo Valdez, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com)— The National Weather Service issued a wind advisory ahead of a storm system that's expected to bring widespread rainfall beginning tonight.

According to the NWS, the strongest winds are expected during mid-morning Wednesday and the wind advisory remains in effect until 7:00 am, on March 7, 2019.

Rainfall is likely to begin tonight with temperatures dropping into the high 40's. There's currently a 70% chance of showers on Wednesday along with possible wind gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday and Friday will both have a chance of showers and by Saturday night we will see sunny skies with a high near 54 degrees.

Motorist driving on roadways during wind advisories are reminded that strong winds can reduce visibility and make driving conditions difficult, especially for high-profile vehicles.

Beware of objects blowing across roads, fallen trees, etc. Avoid downed power lines and report them to 911. DO NOT cross flooded roads. Turn around, don't drown.

Sandbags are available at Victorville fire stations 311, 312, 313, 314, and the Victorville Public Works yard on McArt. Sand is available at fire stations 312, 313, and 314.

<https://www.vvng.com/victor-valley-under-a-wind-advisory-and-rain-expected-for-a-few-days/>

Household hazardous waste collection event planned for March 16

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Lucerne Valley residents are invited to take part in a household hazardous waste collection event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 16, behind the Lucerne Valley Fire Station at 33269 Old Woman Springs Road (enter through the gate on Ladera Road).

This event is for household hazardous waste only; no business-generated waste will be accepted. Only San Bernardino County residents can take part and identification will be required. Waste brought before 9 a.m. will not be accepted. All waste must be accepted by **County Fire** personnel.

The event is co-sponsored by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, Lucerne Valley and San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

Residents may bring their unwanted:

- Motor oil/used filters
- Auto and household batteries
- Paint products
- Antifreeze
- Household cleaners
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Medications (please separate liquids from solids, excluding controlled substances)
- Home-generated sharps/needles in approved container
- TVs, computer monitors
- CPUs, printers
- Fluorescent tubes
- Microwave ovens
- Clothes irons
- Cell/mobile phones, telephones
- Space heaters, stereos, radios
- VCRs/DVD players
- Musical greeting cards

Please do NOT bring the following:

- Wastes from foreclosed properties and nonprofit organizations
- Business/commercial Wastes
- Radioactive wastes
- Medical wastes other than sharps
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Reactives
- Tires, appliances, furniture, Air Conditioner, etc.

Before transporting, be sure that:

- Waste is properly labeled or in its original container
- The container is no larger than 5 gallons. Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds.
- Containers are sound and not leaking
- Sharps/needles are in approved container (it is illegal to transport them in an plastic bag, coffee cans or other container)
- Waste is placed securely in the vehicle for safe transport

Remember, recycling used motor oil and filters is the right thing to do. Dumping used oil (or any chemical) is a crime — legally and environmentally. Dumped oil contaminates ground water, our drinking water source. Used oil is insoluble and can contain toxic chemicals, and also kill plant and aquatic life. One pint of used oil can create an acre-sized oil slick on surface waters.

Facts to remember when recycling oil:

- Drain your oil from cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, lawnmowers, etc., into a reusable, sealable container. Call 1-800-Oily Cat for free oil container availability.
- Do not dump oil on the ground, in the gutter or storm drain, or throw in the trash
- Do not mix anything with the oil (water, paint, pesticides, solvents, diesel, antifreeze or gasoline)

For more information, call the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Household Hazardous Waste Program, at 909-382-5401.

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