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During Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 7-13), the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department encourages residents to “Look. Listen. Learn.” What does that mean?

Today’s home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere,” which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1,000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

“These numbers show that while we’ve made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there’s still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today’s home fires grow and spread.”

Carli also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That overconfidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

“Working in the fire service for many years, we know that people often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them their lives,” said Mike Horton, fire marshal of the San Bernardino County Fire Department. “We need to do a better job of teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivating them to action.”

Chief Mike Horton says this year’s “Look. Listen. Learn.” campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- Look for places fire could start.
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the San Bernardino County Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere.

“Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go,” said Horton. “No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.”

The San Bernardino County Fire Department is hosting a series of events in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign.

In Fontana, John B. Roberts Fire Station No. 71, located at 16980 Arrow Boulevard, will hold an open house and demonstrations on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the "Let's Move on the Trail" event in the downtown area.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

(Tracey Martinez is the public information officer for the San Bernardino County Fire Department.)

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Small brush fire in Victorville quickly doused

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A San Bernardino County Firefighter starts battling a small vegetation fire in Victorville on Wednesday behind the Dollar Tree on Bear Valley road near Hesperia Road. [James Quigg, Daily Press]

VICTORVILLE — A brush fire behind a local shopping center was quickly handled by firefighters on Wednesday afternoon.

Reported at 3:52 p.m., **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials said they made quick work of the blaze, which occurred in the area near Hesperia and Bear Valley roads.

Responding to “numerous calls reporting a fire behind the Dollar Tree store,” County Fire sent out a full wildland response, including three paramedic fire engines, one brush engine, one water tender and one battalion chief.

“Medic Engine 22 arrived on scene within six minutes and reported a large spot burning behind the bingo hall,” Allen said.

The fire was knocked down in approximately five minutes, Allen said. Crews remained on scene for some time after for cleanup.

No injuries were reported. The blaze remains under investigation.

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1 killed, 1 airlifted after head-on crash on Highway 138 in Phelan

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The driver of the Subaru was pronounced deceased on scene. The driver of the white Toyota was airlifted to a trauma center after a head-on crash on Highway 138. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

PHELAN, Calif. (VVNG.com) — One person was killed and a second was airlifted following a head-on crash Wednesday night in Phelan.

The collision was reported at about 5:17 p.m. on Highway 138 just east of Sayle Road and involved two vehicles, a white 2000 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck, and a light-colored 2018 Subaru Crosstek.

CHP officials said there was only one person in each vehicle at the time of the crash.

The driver of the Subaru was pronounced deceased on scene by first responders.

Firefighters used the jaws of life to extricate the occupant trapped inside the pickup truck. Helicopter H325 was requested to land at the scene and subsequently airlifted the patient to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with three paramedic fire engines, three paramedic ambulances, one helicopter, and one chief officer.

Westbound lanes of Highway 138 at mile marker 11 were shut down as Officers with the California Highway Patrol conducted the investigation. Westbound traffic was being diverted via an eastbound lane.

The identity of the deceased will be released after next-of-kin has been notified.

The official cause of the accident is under investigation by the CHP Inland Division.

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