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Marini has been a firefighter/paramedic for 13 years. He started his career in Loma Linda in 2006 and the next year was hired by the City of San Bernardino, where he worked until the San Bernardino County Fire Department annexed the fire services in 2016. Since the annexation, Marini has worked in Division 1 in Fontana.

He has always worked at multi-company stations due to his love and passion for truck firefighting operations.

Throughout his career, Marini has always been involved in training. He is a preceptor for paramedic students, a lead cadre member for new hires in the tower which trains personnel to become efficient in firefighting skills and department operations.

----- ALSO at the ceremony, Office Assistant Jazminne Roblez was named Employee of the Year by the Fire Department, and Luis Zubiarte was the Fire Explorer of the Year.

Other honorees included:

- Life Saving Award: FF/PM Justin Mollicone, FF/PM Brandon Duggan, FF Timothy Arabit, Captain Sean Markey, Engineer Sitha Tan, FF/PM Fabio Ahumada, FF Scott Worthan, and FF/PM Jacob Madsen.
- Excellence Award: Captain Tony Siciliano, Engineer Mike Brimmer, Captain Sean Markey, Engineer Sitha Tan, FF/PM Mark Rojas, FF/PM Adam Hoffman, and FF/PM James McGee.
- Division Citation Award: Captain Daniel Arias.
- Meritorious Award: Captain Shawn Millerick, Engineer Daniel Arias, Engineer Derek Blenkarn, FF Ryan Forrest, FF/PM Chris Adams-Snape, FF/PM Ryan Moringo, FF Joel Carlos, and FF/PM Jeffrey Garcia.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/marini-is-named-firefighter-of-the-year-in-fontana/article\\_e2bd19a2-7a70-11e9-8abd-af15ff2e9fa0.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/marini-is-named-firefighter-of-the-year-in-fontana/article_e2bd19a2-7a70-11e9-8abd-af15ff2e9fa0.html)

## **BUSY WEEKEND FOR MORONGO BASIN FIREFIGHTERS**

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Morongo Basin firefighters were busy this weekend. **(San Bernardino) County Fire** Battalion Chief Donnie Vioria said there were two unrelated fires about a mile apart in the Yucca Mesa area of Yucca Valley Saturday and Sunday. Just before noon on Saturday, a resident in the area of Indio Avenue and Meredith Court was burning a fire in a pit when embers started vegetation on fire, and the wind rapidly spread the flames. Firefighters from Yucca Mesa, Yucca Valley, and Joshua Tree were able to keep the fire from spreading beyond the property's two acres, and were on scene about an hour.

Then Sunday, Vioria said the strong winds picked up a trampoline and a swing set in the back yard of a home in the area of Indio and Sun Mesa and carried them over the top of the house where they landed on power lines. The sparks started a fire in the dry vegetation, threatening four nearby homes. Firefighters were able to keep the fire from reaching the homes.

Also on Sunday, just before 10 p.m. firefighters were called to an appliance fire in a home in the 6600 block of Split Rock Avenue in Twentynine Palms. The fire was contained to the appliance and the home was saved.

Vioria reminds residents to get a burn permit before burning trash on their property. Residents who do not get a permit or who burn when burning is prohibited could be responsible for reimbursement costs. Burn permits are free from your local fire department.

<http://z1077fm.com/busy-weekend-for-moronggo-basin-firefighters/>

## Blaze tears through Adelanto manufacturing plant

Paola Baker, Victorville Daily Press

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Firefighters doused a blaze that tore through a fiberglass manufacturing business in Adelanto late Saturday night. [Photo courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire]

ADELANTO — Firefighters doused a blaze that tore through a local fiberglass business Saturday, officials said.

It took **San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel almost an hour to get the flames under control after the blaze erupted at MFG Fiberglass, near the intersection of Holly and Beaver roads, just after 9 pm.

Firefighters rushing to the scene could see a column of smoke from several miles away, officials said.

As firefighters arrived, they quickly found the source of the blaze — large fiberglass molds engulfed in flames that spread to burn through a 50 x 100-foot area.

Firefighters worked to contain the blaze but were hampered by windy conditions that night, which cast embers to the north and spread the fire further. Officials used hand lines and “large volumes of water” to get the fire under control.

The fire was doused in 45 minutes, officials said. Crews remained on scene late into the night to ensure the blaze was fully extinguished and for mop-up. Damage estimates were not available as of Sunday.

No one was hurt in the blaze. The cause remains under investigation.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190519/blaze-tears-through-adelanto-manufacturing-plant>

## Car rear-ended at traffic signal on Main Street in Hesperia

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Rear-end crash on Main Street in Hesperia. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A woman said she sustained injuries to her back after her seat was broken during a rear-end traffic collision here Sunday.

**San Bernardino County Firefighters** and Deputies with the Hesperia Sheriff's station responded to the intersection of Main Street and 11th Avenue for reports of a two-car collision at about 4:45 pm.

Upon arrival, they located a black Chevy Tahoe with front-end damage, and a blue 2019 Toyota 86 Sports Car with rear-end damage in the no.1 eastbound lane.

"I was the passenger and my husband was driving," the occupant of the Toyota told Victor Valley News. "The impact was so hard that it broke my seat," she stated. "I'm going to skip the ambulance and go straight to the hospital after the tow truck gets here."

The adult male driver of the Tahoe said he was not injured. He said the vehicle in front of him made a sudden stop as soon as the light changed to yellow.

A portion of the intersection was closed for a brief period while authorities investigated and cleared the roadway.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Hesperia Sheriff's Station. Anyone with information is asked to call (760)947-1500.

<https://www.vvng.com/car-rear-ended-at-traffic-signal-on-main-street-in-hesperia/>

## Man, 28, pinned under his own truck found dead by neighbor in Hesperia

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The sheriff's M.A.I.T. team worked into the early morning processing the scene. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A 28-year-old Hesperia man was found dead by a neighbor after he was killed by his own pickup truck, officials said.

It happened at about 11:30 pm, in the 10500 block of Eighth Avenue in the City of Hesperia on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

“A neighbor, who was driving home, found the victim trapped under the truck with the engine still running and alerted law enforcement and medical personnel,” stated a sheriff’s news release.

Upon arrival, deputies found an unresponsive male adult trapped under the driver’s side wheel of a 2000 Dodge Ram Truck just outside the residence.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to the scene, and the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Hesperia Police Department, Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) responded to investigate the incident.

The victim’s name is being withheld pending next of kin notification by the San Bernardino County Coroner’s Office.

The investigation is ongoing and investigators encourage anyone with information pertinent to this case to contact the Hesperia Police Department at (760)947-1500.

A sheriff's deputy patrol vehicle blocked the intersection of Mesa Street and Eight. (Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

<https://www.vvng.com/man-28-pinned-under-his-own-truck-found-dead-by-neighbor-in-hesperia/>

## **Edison rep to discuss wildfires at Oak Hills MAC meeting**

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Discussion will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Oak Hills Fire Station #40, 6584 Caliente Road

Jennifer Cusack from Southern California Edison will share information about the Edison Wildfire Mitigation Plan during the Oak Hill Municipal Advisory Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday. It will be held in the Oak Hills Community Center Room at Oak Hills Fire Station #40, 6584 Caliente Road, Oak Hills (located just south of Greg's Shed World).

In addition to Cusack, representatives from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Zone J Water, CalFire and **San Bernardino County Fire** will provide updates and useful information regarding the status of the High Desert area, recent incidents, and future plans.

Recent Oak Hills MAC meetings featured presentations about Neighborhood Watch, holiday safety strategies, fire prevention, and code enforcement. The MAC also co-hosted recycling, community cleanup and safe driving events.

Oak Hills residents are urged to share information about the meeting with neighbors and to plan to attend. Residents may RSVP at [OHMAC2018@gmail.com](mailto:OHMAC2018@gmail.com). For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/oakhills.mac/](http://www.facebook.com/oakhills.mac/)

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