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## METAL GARAGE LOST TO OVERNIGHT FIRE IN FLAMINGO HEIGHTS

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The cause of a fire in a detached garage in Flamingo Heights early this morning is under investigation according to **County fire** Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio.

Following a call to 911 of a fire with visible smoke and flames, county fire units from Yucca Mesa and Yucca Valley were dispatched at about 3 a.m. to Perris Street near the intersection of Old Woman Springs Road in Flamingo Heights.

Arriving firefighters encountered a detached metal garage fully involved in flames and had the fire knocked down in about 12 minutes.

The building, valued at approximately \$70,000 is estimated to be a total loss.

No injuries were reported; the residents were at home.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

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## Man airlifted after head-on crash on Seventh Street in Victorville

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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Officials work to extricate a driver after a head-on crash on Seventh Street in Victorville on Wednesday night. [Submitted photo]

VICTORVILLE — A motorist was hospitalized after he was freed from the wreckage of a head-on crash late Wednesday, authorities said.

The crash occurred on Seventh Street near Tatum Road at around 8:13 p.m. and involved two vehicles, a 1997 Volkswagen Jetta and a 2001 Nissan Xterra.

Victorville Sheriff's Station spokeswoman Mara Rodriguez said the crash occurred when the driver of the Nissan, headed south on Seventh Street, started to turn left into a driveway.

The Nissan slammed into the Jetta — headed in the opposite direction at a “high rate of speed” and with its headlights off, Rodriguez said.

The crash briefly trapped the driver of the Jetta inside the wreckage. **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials were requested to extricate the man and get him medical care.

Rodriguez said the man was flown to a nearby trauma center. He was listed to be in stable condition as of Thursday afternoon. The second driver was not hurt, and no other injuries were reported.

The crash remains under investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Victorville Sheriff's Station at 760-241-2911. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can contact the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or online at [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com).

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## **LAWSUITS TO INVALIDATE THE FP-5 FIRE TAX PROGRESSING: AN UPDATE**

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While the county is set to impose property owners in the newly expanded 19,000-square-mile fire protection district, FP-5, with an additional \$157 per parcel assessment starting November 2019, two lawsuits that seek to invalidate the charge are scheduled to be heard in the courts. Reporter Mike Lipsitz has this update on progress of the lawsuits...

The court will hear a motion seeking to halt the expansion of the FP-5 district and the associated tax on January 16. The main plaintiff, San Diego-based non-profit Red Brennan Group, along with individuals and community groups from Homestead, Lucerne, and Johnson valleys, contend that the fire assessment approved by county supervisors last October violates the state constitution by imposing as special tax circumventing the required approval by a two-thirds vote by the electorate.

Plaintiffs go on to claim as invalid the county's assertion that voter approval was not required since those in the expanded 19,000 square miles were annexed to a district that was already paying the fire assessment.

A second lawsuit brought by an individual plaintiff, Paul Austin, also seeks to invalidate the assessment. That case is expected to be heard March 14.

Reporting for Z107.7 News, this is Mike Lipsitz.

For its part, the county is relying on the assessment to pay down a \$30 million budget shortfall to pay for fire protection services.

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