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Public safety officials crack down on illegal fireworks in Fontana

Fontana Herald News

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These were some of the illegal fireworks that were confiscated by police in Fontana in 2016.

Public safety officials are cracking down on illegal fireworks in Fontana as the Fourth of July approaches.

The City of Fontana, in collaboration with the Fontana Police Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, will be working to send a zero tolerance message against the use of illegal fireworks through a prolonged awareness and enforcement campaign.

The campaign, which runs through July 5, will remind the public that only "Safe and Sane" fireworks are accepted for use within the Fontana city limits. In addition, no fireworks at all are permitted in the unincorporated San Bernardino County area of Fontana.

So far this year, Fontana P.D. officers have cited two individuals for illegal fireworks, arrested three individuals for possession and sales of illegal fireworks, and have seized more than 100 pounds of illegal fireworks.

Fines for possession and discharge of illegal fireworks range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

In 2016, the San Bernardino County Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshal in cooperation with law enforcement seized more than 25,000 pounds of illegal fireworks from being trafficked into the county.

The Fontana P.D. will staff extra officers and conduct saturation patrols over the holiday weekend to cite and arrest any individual caught in possession of or igniting illegal fireworks. Officers will be looking for people using illegal fireworks, which consist of any fireworks that explode and fly such as M-80s, bottle rockets, firecrackers, Roman candles and mortars.

"We understand the growing concern regarding the dangers associated with the use of illegal fireworks and we are asking for your help to make this Fourth of July holiday safe," said City of Fontana Spokeswoman Martha Guzman-Hurtado. "Illegal fireworks use is not worth the risk of getting caught, paying expensive fines, causing injury or damaging property."

Police urge residents who plan on purchasing fireworks to buy the "Safe and Sane" variety, which are less likely to cause injury and do not explode or fly.

Still, the "Safe and Sane" fireworks are still dangerous, especially for children. Any child using any type of "Safe and Sane" firework should have adult supervision.

The "Safe and Sane" fireworks may be discharged in Fontana between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. from June 28 to July 5.

Fines for the illegal use of Safe and Sane fireworks range from \$250 to \$1,050. This includes modification, allowing a minor to set off fireworks, and discharging them outside the time frame allowed by the Fontana City Code.

Fontana continues to be one of the relatively few cities to allow the sale of "Safe and Sane" fireworks in the Inland Empire. As a result, the Fourth of July generates a significantly higher number of calls for service for police.

"Residents play an important role in our fireworks investigations," said Fire Marshal Mike Horton. "If you see something, say something. Call the authorities or the WeTip hotline at 1-800-47-Arson to report illegal fireworks."

"We want Fontana residents to enjoy a safe and responsible 4th of July," said Fontana Police Chief Bob Ramsey.

As an alternative to purchasing fireworks, the City of Fontana will have a Fourth of July Celebration at Fontana High School with music, food and fireworks from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information about this event, call (909) 349-6900.

For more information about the use of fireworks in Fontana, call the Fireworks Information Line at (909) 356-7101.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/public-safety-officials-crack-down-on-illegal-fireworks-in-fontana/article_c90e4228-47a6-11e7-8654-87893778ec97.html

Woman airlifted after two-vehicle collision shuts down stretch of Hesperia Road

Daily Press

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VICTORVILLE — A woman was airlifted to a local trauma center after a two-vehicle collision shut down a stretch of Hesperia Road Thursday morning, authorities said.

Emergency personnel responded to the intersection of Green Tree Boulevard and Hesperia Road after receiving reports of a crash at 7:17 a.m., according to **San Bernardino County Fire Department** spokesman Eric Sherwin.

A 2000 Ford Taurus was traveling east on Green Tree when it failed to stop at a red light at Hesperia Road and drove in front of southbound traffic, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Victorville Station Traffic Supervisor Bryan Zierdt told the Daily Press.

The Taurus drove directly in front of a 2010 Ford F-350 traveling south on Hesperia Road in the No. 1 lane, according to Zierdt, causing it to strike the driver's side of the Taurus and trapping the female driver in the process.

County Fire personnel extricated the driver of the Taurus, who was complaining of pain to her left side and had suffered a possible broken arm, according to Zierdt, and she was transported to a landing zone at Victor Valley College and airlifted to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

The southbound lanes of Hesperia Road were shut down for approximately one hour and were opened back up at 8:24 a.m. No other injuries were reported.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170601/woman-airlifted-after-two-vehicle-collision-shuts-down-stretch-of-hesperia-road>

Hiker rescued by Sheriff's Search & Rescue and Sheriff's Aviation

Highland News

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On May 31, 2017 at approximately 4:15 p.m., Sheriff's Volunteer Forces contacted the Aviation Unit regarding a hiker who activated a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) on Pacific Crest Trail, near the North Fork area. The GPS coordinates from the activation showed the hiker, identified as Jared Lee Ewing, 29, of Van Nuys, was approximately 6 miles south of Onyx Peak.

40 King 2, with a crew of Deputy Kevin Henry and Deputy Carlos Quezada, responded to the GPS coordinates to search for Ewing. As soon as the crew arrived they immediately located Ewing, who was near an open area at the bottom of the canyon. They made contact with him and determined that he needed to be extracted due to medical issues.

Ewing was transported to waiting **San Bernardino County Fire Department** paramedics at Big Bear Airport. Ewing declined to be transported for further medical treatment.

Every hiker should be mindful that Personal Locator Beacons are highly recommended to be carried while hiking in any national forests or other locations where cellphone coverage is non-existent. If an injury or illness occurs, notification of your GPS position can immediately be sent to a satellite and the appropriate agency can be dispatched to help.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/hiker-rescued-by-sheriff-s-search-rescue-and-sheriff-s/article_7cd22874-46f8-11e7-8279-0fcaca1fba65.html

One Man Seriously Injured In Two-Car Crash In Twentynine Palms Thursday Night

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A man was seriously injured and four other people received minor injuries in a two-vehicle crash in Twentynine Palms last night. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike Snow said a car with two women, a man, and a boy was attempting to make a left-hand turn onto Cedar Drive from eastbound Highway 62 about 8:10 p.m. when the car was rear-ended by another vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The injured man was a passenger in the front car; firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life to rescue him. He suffered a broken leg and pelvis. He was flown to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs by Mercy Air. The other occupants of the first car, and the solo female driver in the second car were taken to Hi-Desert Medical Center. The Sheriff's Department is investigating.

<http://z1077fm.com/one-man-seriously-injured-in-two-car-crash-in-twentynine-palms-thursday-night/>

Home Saved From Fire in Yucca Valley Thursday

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Firefighters managed to save a house in Yucca Valley Thursday night. About 6:15 p.m., Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, and Joshua Tree firefighters were called to a home burning near Onaga and Fox Trails. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike Snow said the fire started in the rear of the house and spread to the rear of the garage. No one was home at the time the fire started. Firefighters managed to have the fire under control in about 30 minutes and kept the damage to the exterior of the house and a portion of the garage. Damage is estimated at about \$25,000. There were no injuries and the cause is under investigation.

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