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## **FREE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING STARTS THIS MONTH**

Staff Writer, z1077news

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The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and Morongo Basin Community Emergency Response Team or CERT, are once again offering CERT training. Would you like to be better trained if and when a disaster strikes? Reporter Eric Knabe tells you how you can...

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays June 30 through July 28. They will be held at San Bernardino County Fire Station #43 at 3834 Lear Avenue in Twentynine Palms. Classes are free and open to those who live and/or work in the Morongo Basin. To register and get further details contact Carl Angdahl at 562-822-4928 or visit [www.morongobasincert.org](http://www.morongobasincert.org)

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## **Officials: Fireworks that explode, shoot in the air or move along ground illegal throughout state**

Staff Writer, Daily Press

June 19, 2018, 12:06 p.m.

With the Fourth of July just two weeks away, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department is reminding residents that possession of any type of fireworks is illegal in any unincorporated area of the county and all but one city in the High Desert.

“In the event a fire occurs due to the unsafe use of fireworks, the responsible persons are likely to face criminal charges and be held liable for damages,” County Fire officials said.

The only city in the High Desert that allows “Safe and Sane” fireworks is Adelanto — Chino, Colton, Rialto and specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace and San Bernardino also do so — but nowhere in California are fireworks that “explode, shoot in the air or move along the ground” permitted.

Both County Fire, the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department and other law enforcement agencies will once again be conducting operations to “stop attempts to smuggle tens of thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest.”

Additionally, property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored or used on their property.

“Residents play an important role in our fireworks investigations. If you see something, say something. Call the authorities or We-Tip hotline at 1-800-47-ARSON to anonymously report illegal fireworks,” Fire Marshal Mike Horton said.

In addition to fires, fireworks cause deaths, blindness, maiming injuries to children and adults, re-traumatize war veterans suffering from PTSD, and frighten household pets, County Fire officials said.

Residents are encouraged to watch fireworks displayed at community celebrations rather than use their own and a schedule of local firework shows is available at [sbcfire.org](http://sbcfire.org).

For those planning to use “safe and sane” fireworks legally, County Fire officials offer these safety tips:

- Always use fireworks (“Safe and Sane” only) with an adult present. Even a “Safe and Sane” sparkler burns at a temperature that ignites clothing easily
- Always read and follow label directions
- Always have water (garden hose/bucket) and a fire extinguisher within reach
- Always place fireworks on a firm, non-combustible surface, like a sidewalk or pavement
- Never alter fireworks
- Never re-light “dud” fireworks
- Homemade fireworks are often deadly; leave the making of fireworks to the experts
- Never point, throw or mishandle fireworks

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180619/officials-fireworks-that-explode-shoot-in-air-or-move-along-ground-illegal-throughout-state>

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## **Head-on crash shuts down Hwy 395**

Paola Baker, Daily Press

Posted: June 19, 2018, 6:35 p.m.

VICTORVILLE — A head-on crash shut down a portion of Highway 395 Tuesday evening, authorities said, and one person was airlifted with life-threatening injuries.

The crash occurred on Highway 395 between Palmdale and Bear Valley roads at around 5:17 p.m., according to San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department officials, and involved a tractor-trailer and a sedan.

Specifics on how the crash occurred are forthcoming, but **San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel were requested to respond after the driver of the sedan was trapped inside.

“The patient sustained life-threatening injuries,” County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said.

Scanner traffic reported the person sustained head trauma. It took personnel approximately 15 minutes to free the driver, who was airlifted to a trauma center for treatment, according to Sheriff’s officials. The driver of the tractor-trailer was uninjured.

Highway 395 was shut down in both directions between Bear Valley and Luna roads at 6 p.m. due to the crash. The closure was expected to remain in place for approximately 90 minutes, officials said.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

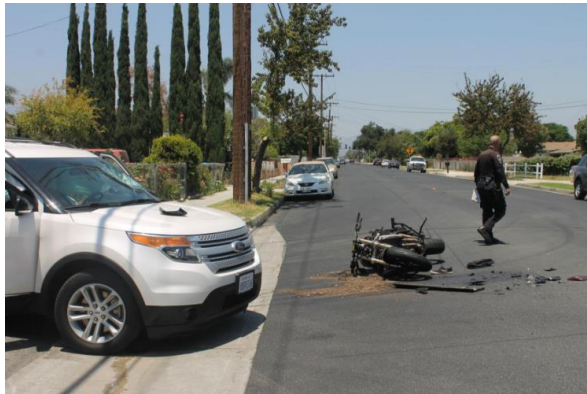
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## **UPDATE: Motorcyclist dies as a result of traffic collision in central Fontana on June 18**

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

Posted: June 18, 2018



Police investigated the cause of a traffic collision involving a motorcycle and a vehicle on the corner of Juniper Avenue and Filbert Street on June 18. The motorcyclist was hospitalized after the crash and later was pronounced deceased.

A 26-year-old motorcyclist died as a result of a traffic accident in central Fontana on June 18, according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner's Division.

Shortly after noon, the Fontana Police Department and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department received reports of a collision involving a motorcycle and an SUV.

First responders arrived at the intersection of Juniper Avenue and Filbert Street and located the motorcycle rider on the ground suffering from significant head and chest trauma, police said. The rider was transported to a local hospital for his serious injuries.

The rider, identified as Erick Escamilla of Ontario, was declared deceased at 4:13 p.m., the Coroner's Division said.

The driver of the SUV, a 29-year-old Fontana woman, was not injured.

The Fontana P.D. was investigating the collision.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/update-motorcyclist-dies-as-a-result-of-traffic-collision-in/article\\_45bcb64c-7339-11e8-bf97-af2e3dd112c3.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/update-motorcyclist-dies-as-a-result-of-traffic-collision-in/article_45bcb64c-7339-11e8-bf97-af2e3dd112c3.html)

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## **Here are 5 things to know about Upland's new budget**

**Sandra Emerson, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin**

Posted: June 19, 2018, 4:32 p.m.

Upland has a new balanced budget, but also longer-term concerns over higher pension costs and a need for money to hire police and repair infrastructure.

The city plans to spend less than it will bring in during the fiscal year that starts July 1, however, officials need to look to the future, Assistant City Manager Jeannette Vagnozzi told the City Council last week.

The city has been working to cut expenses for many years, including staffing, and is not sure what is left to cut, she said.

“Without a change in revenue, what you see before you is what it looks like to have a status quo budget,” Vagnozzi told the council before it voted 4-1 on June 11 to approve the spending plan. “This means no additional police, no additional infrastructure. Exactly what you see today in our budget, is what you get going forward. That is how we stay balanced.”

Here are five things to know about the new spending plan.

### **1. It's balanced**

In 2018-19, the city expects \$139.8 million in revenues across all its funds, including \$41 million to the general fund.

It plans to spend \$135.5 million overall, including \$40.9 million from the general fund. The general fund, the city's main fund, is up by \$2.6 million over last year from property taxes and various fees. Expenses are expected to go up by \$2.76 million, because of increases in salaries and benefits, mostly because of the higher pension costs, maintenance and operations expenses and requests by departments, a city report shows.

### **2. Pension costs are higher**

The state's Public Employees Retirement System is lowering its expectations on investment returns, which means public agencies across the state face higher contribution costs over the next few years. Upland is bracing for a \$959,412 increase in 2018-19, the report states. The city has set money aside and officials will later approach the council with options to help cover the increases, Vagnozzi said.

### **3. Less to be spent on fire protection**

The city is paying less in fire services after the annexation into the **San Bernardino County Fire Protection District** in July. Before that, Vagnozzi said, the city would be in the hole, and that amount would continue to grow every year. Upland and San Antonio Heights property owners, however, now will pay about \$150 a year for fire services.

#### 4. More cash for police

Upland's Police Department will get additional dollars to hire part-time employees and a full-time police service technician to help resurrect crime-prevention programs cut during leaner times, Interim Police Chief Doug Millmore said June 11. Police also can handle less serious cases at the desk and keep patrol officers in the field, he said.

#### 5. Long-term needs a challenge

The current budget is stretched to the max, Vagnozzi said, which makes it a challenge to add police or expand services. The city has paid for some infrastructure repairs and tree maintenance, but by using one-time and special funds, Vagnozzi said.

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2018/06/19/here-are-5-things-to-know-about-uplands-new-budget/>

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### Reckless driver airlifted after crashing into semi on US Highway 395 in Victorville

Staff Writer, VVNG

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**VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com)** — A young man was airlifted to a trauma center with life-threatening injuries after crashing into a semi Tuesday evening.

It happened at about 5:17 pm, when first responders were dispatched to a crash involving a gold Chevy Cavalier and a semi on US Highway 395, north of Bear Valley Road in Victorville.

Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** used the jaws of life to extricate the driver who was trapped inside the vehicle.

Authorities at the scene said the fully loaded semi was traveling north on US-395 and the Cavalier was heading south. Several witnesses said the driver of the Cavalier was driving reckless in and out of traffic and passing in the northbound lanes heading southbound.

“It appears that he went to make a pass on a vehicle and went underneath the trailer of the semi and knocked the trailer tandems out from underneath the truck,” stated Sheriff’s Deputy J. Dean.

A San Bernardino County Fire helicopter landed on US-395 and airlifted the male driver of the Cavalier to an out of area trauma center. The driver of the semi was not injured in the crash.

US Highway 395 was closed for approximately 2 hours between Bear Valley Road and Luna Road as officials investigated the crash and cleared the scene.

<http://www.vvng.com/reckless-driver-airlifted-after-crashing-into-semi-on-us-highway-395-in-victorville/>