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San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputy Sheriff Lauren Abernathy, right, bows her head along with **San Bernardino county firefighters** during a prayer vigil for deputy Robert Jahn, who was shot during a confrontation in Adelanto early Thursday. [Janice Osborne, for the Daily Press]

ADELANTO — A San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputy was shot early Thursday during a confrontation at an apartment complex here.

Deputy Robert B. Jahn, 45, was shot in the stomach just after 1 a.m. at the Raintree Apartments on Bellflower Street, according to Sheriff John McMahon. Jahn was taken by helicopter to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, Sheriff's Department spokesperson Cindy Bachman said.

A vigil for Jahn will be held at 6:30 p.m. outside Adelanto City Hall, at 11600 Air Expressway.

Jahn was out of surgery and in critical but stable condition, according to McMahon, who briefed reporters outside the hospital shortly after 11 a.m. Thursday's was the third incident in the last two weeks where deputies were fired upon, he said.

"There are some dangerous people on the street," McMahon said.

Two 26-year-old suspects from Los Angeles, Nicholas Ruiz and Larry Carino, were arrested at the scene. McMahon said a handgun was recovered inside the apartment.

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“My wife Vanessa and I hope and pray that Deputy Jahn will have a full and speedy recovery,” said Wilk, R-Santa Clarita. “Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day and tragedies, such as this shooting, are difficult to understand. Our thoughts are with his family and the San Bernardino law enforcement community during this time.”

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One person was injured in a single-car rollover accident in southwestern Fontana on Oct. 17. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

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The California Highway Patrol and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the crash at about 12:18 p.m.

The CHP said that witnesses reported that the driver of a blue Honda Civic was apparently traveling eastbound in the 14300 block of San Bernardino Avenue and lost control of the car. The Civic jumped the curb, causing the car to roll over, plowing through about 30 feet of wrought iron fencing. The car smashed into one diesel cab and damaged at least one more truck that was sitting on a truck rental and sales lot.

One person was transported to a hospital with minor injuries.

The CHP is investigating the accident.

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President Trump blames California for deadly wildfires, threatens to withhold federal funds

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WASHINGTON (KABC) -- President Donald Trump again blamed California for the year's dangerous and deadly wildfires and threatened to withhold federal funding from the state.

During a cabinet meeting Wednesday, he said the state needs to clear old trees to prevent fires.

"What's happening should never happen. I go all over the country and I meet with governors. The first thing they say is there's no reason for forest fires like that in California. So I say to the governor, or whoever is going to be the governor of California, you'd better get your act together because California, we're just not going to continue to pay the kind of money that we're paying because of fires that should never be to that

extent," he said.

It was unclear what kind of federal funding Trump would withhold from the state.

Earlier this year, the president tweeted the state's water policy was preventing water from being used to fight wildfires. He also claimed the water was being diverted to the ocean and mentioned the tree-clearing method.

Cal Fire issued a response to Trump's tweet, saying the claims were untrue.

<https://abc7.com/politics/trump-blames-california-for-deadly-wildfires-threatens-to-withhold-funds/4510841/>

FP-5 tax for unincorporated communities in San Bernardino County approved by Supervisors

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Late Tuesday the Supervisors approved the FP-5 Service Zone Expansion, by a majority vote, authorizing a parcel tax on landowners of \$157.26 per parcel. The tax is expected to generate nearly \$27 million for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District to help cover the cost to provide services and address a budget gap anticipated in fiscal year 2019-20 and beyond. Supervisors Robert Lovingood and Janice Rutherford, who supported submitting the proposal to a ballot, opposed the move to adopt the parcel tax.

In June, 2018 the Supervisors authorized initiating a protest vote whereby those against the expansion could submit an objection. The process follows Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) guidelines.

A 25 percent of affected landowners (representing 25% of the value of affected properties) needed to submit a protest, which would have deferred the matter to an election. On Tuesday the protests were tabulated and only 11,472 verified protests, amounting to 3.18 percent, were received.

This year the SBCo Fire Department's budget of \$276.6 million was short by \$29 million. SB County covered \$17 million from the General Fund and \$12 million came from the SBCo Fire reserve.

When asked to describe the likely outcome of a non-expansion, Fire Chief Mark Hartwig explained that "we'd have to cut back services," pulling resources from neighboring agencies and removing safety personnel from ambulances. Hartwig and others described funding shortages as a reality that had been stewing for decades.

Several dozen concerned citizens commented during the marathon eight-hour-plus hearing - without any reversal by the Supervisors. Protesters implored Supervisors to squelch the expansion altogether, calling the protest process truncated and discriminatory, and suggesting that a new tax should be passed by two-thirds vote in an election. Michelle Blakemore, the County's legal counsel, said that the expansion was legal and, in fact, "the board has gone above and beyond what is required" by taking the step to enable a protest process at all.

The levy will hit vacant land and high-density areas alike, without consideration of the value of the appraised property. Individuals and groups are bringing lawsuits against the County.

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