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FIREFIGHTERS KEEP DUMPSTER FIRE FROM SPREADING IN LANDERS

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Firefighters quickly extinguished a blaze in a roll-off dumpster on Alta Avenue in Landers Tuesday evening. San Bernardino County Fire photo

Quick and aggressive action by firefighters kept a dumpster fire from spreading to vegetation in Landers Tuesday evening. Shortly before 5:30 p.m., Yucca Valley firefighters had to leave the National Night Out event in Yucca Valley for what was first called in as a vegetation fire. They met the Joshua Tree firefighters in the 200 block of Alta Avenue, where they found a roll-off trash container on fire. Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle said the flames were threatening nearby vegetation, but firefighters knocked down the blaze in less than 10 minutes. There were no injuries and the cause is under investigation.

<http://z1077fm.com/firefighters-keep-dumpster-fire-from-spreading-in-landers/>

New fire station launched as Havasu Landing casino, hotel prepares for launch

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San Bernardino County Fire Department's Station 18 is now fully operational and manned with full-time staffing in Havasu Lake, California.

A new addition in the community of Havasu Lake, California now offers fire protection to residents and businesses.

According to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, as of Monday morning, Station 18 is now staffed 24 hours with a captain and a firefighter/paramedic.

Brian McDonald, the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe's vice chairman, attended the quiet celebration marking the opening of the new station.

"It was a great gathering. We blessed the new facility and it is up and running," McDonald said.

The station is at 148808 Havasu Lake Road. He said that "as the crow flies, the station is about 500 yards from the existing casino and surrounding homes. Otherwise, it's about a half-mile by road from the same area."

Station 18 provides fire, rescue and EMS services to Havasu Lake plus surrounding highways, including State Route 95. Personnel may be called to assist in Needles, California.

In addition to having a fire engine, water tender and firefighting boat standing by, a medic brush patrol is reportedly being relocated to Havasu Lake. Firefighters will also provide service to over 28,000 acres of tribal land.

“This operational change is crucial due to the remoteness of the area and the unsustainable paid-call firefighter program. The need for full-time staffing and adding paramedics in this region is long overdue,” stated San Bernardino County Fire Department Assistant Chief Tom Marshall in a news release.

Staffing and operating costs for Station 18 is about \$1.1 million. The money is funded by the department’s regional budget.

A new fire station building and increased staffing are planned.

“We need to find the right piece of land with utilities for them,” said McDonald. “Assistant Chief Tom Marshall has done his part to get the station up and running. Now it’s our turn to do our part and move the project forward.”

Station 18 is a welcome development for a new casino project headed up by the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe. It has built a new casino on the reservation that features a 48-room hotel, restaurant and marina. It will open once the complex’s large parking lot is paved.

https://www.havasunews.com/news/new-fire-station-opens-at-havasulake/article_1ca233b8-b8de-11e9-89a7-63ff66509733.html

Firefighters extinguish fire which erupted at house in Fontana on Aug. 6

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Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish a fire which erupted at a house in Fontana on the morning of Aug. 6, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

There were no injuries to civilians or to firefighters.

The incident occurred in the 9400 block of Emerald Avenue, where a single story residence had smoke coming from the attic. Units were able to confine the fire to the attic space.

Four engines, a squad, and truck responded to the fire.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/firefighters-extinguish-fire-which-erupted-at-house-in-fontana-on/article_ad287e28-b880-11e9-bfa5-ef8d4de07124.html