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Fire causes damage at Bloomington High School

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This portable classroom at Bloomington High School was damaged in an early-morning fire on May 13. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

A fire broke out at Bloomington High School in the early morning hours of May 13, damaging one portable classroom, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

No injuries to the public or to firefighters were reported.

At 2:48 a.m., firefighters from Bloomington and Fontana were dispatched to the school. Units arrived in seven minutes finding one portable classroom with heavy smoke showing, and one portable classroom immediately threatened. With an aggressive attack, the fire was knocked down in 13 minutes, limiting damage to one classroom.

Investigators and the arson/bomb squad were summoned to the scene to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Earlier in the morning (1:23 a.m.), the Fire Department responded to a report of trees on fire at Bloomington High School on a different portion of the campus. Investigators are looking into whether these two fires are related. The department is working with Colton Unified School District to gather information and determine damage estimates.

Four medic engines, one truck company, one paramedic squad, and two battalion chiefs responded to the incident. The Rialto Fire Department also assisted with one engine.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-causes-damage-at-bloomington-high-school/article_f930f8c4-1921-11e6-8934-4fb7fa498330.html

2 Early Morning Fires under Investigation at Bloomington High School

CBS Los Angeles

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BLOOMINGTON (CBSLA.com) — Investigators are working to determine if two fires at Bloomington High School early Friday morning are related.

Firefighters were called out to the campus, 10750 Laurel Ave., at about 2:48 p.m. Friday morning and found one portable classroom with heavy smoke showing. The fire was knocked down in 13 minutes, and no injuries were reported.

It wasn't the first call at the school that morning – **San Bernardino County firefighters** were called out to a report of trees on fire, at a different portion of campus.

Investigators are working to determine if the fires are related. An estimate of damages was not yet available.

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/05/13/2-early-morning-fires-under-investigation-at-bloomington-high-school/>

2 Fires at Bloomington High School Spark Arson Investigation

ABC7

Posted: Friday, May 13, 2016, 12:13PM



A portable classroom incurred fire damage at Bloomington High School on Friday, May 13, 2016. (San Bernardino County Fire Department)

BLOOMINGTON, Calif. -- An arson investigation is underway following two suspicious fires at Bloomington High School early Friday morning.

The first incident, which was reported around 1:30 a.m., involved trees on fire on the property.

A short time later around 3 a.m., a portable classroom caught fire, scorching almost everything inside.

Crews knocked down the blaze in 13 minutes, **San Bernardino County fire** officials said. The fire did not spread to other classrooms, and no injuries were reported.

So far, the two incidents have not been linked. The investigation is ongoing.

<http://abc7.com/news/2-fires-at-bloomington-high-school-spark-arson-probe/1337450/>

Plane makes emergency landing on I-15 near state line

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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Officials remove a Cessna airplane that made an emergency landing on Interstate 15 near the Nevada state line Friday morning. Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino County Fire Department

STATELINE — Authorities said no injuries were reported after an airplane made an emergency landing on Interstate 15 early Friday.

Calls reporting a possible aircraft down on northbound I-15 near the Nevada state line were first received just after 10:45 a.m. Friday. FAA spokesman Allen Kenitzer said preliminary information indicated that a Cessna 182 made an emergency landing 15 miles south of Primm, Nevada due to engine failure.

The Cessna landed on the right shoulder of the freeway, according a tweet from Caltrans, and the Nos. 2 and 3 lanes were reported to be blocked just before 11 a.m.

Daily Press Staff Writer Shea Johnson said the plane landed near the Bailey Road exit. Northbound traffic was backed up about 2 miles south of the exit but cleared up after the exit, Johnson said.

San Bernardino County Fire Department Capt. Jeremy Kern said a fire engine with two firefighters and a battalion chief from the Baker station responded. Clark County Fire also assisted with one engine, Kern said, but no injuries or hazards were reported.

Kenitzer confirmed this and said the plane was carrying four passengers at the time of the landing, and the aircraft was not damaged.

Scanner traffic reported around 11:20 a.m. that officials were attempting to remove the Cessna from the freeway. Johnson said the aircraft was towed off the Bailey road off-ramp.

All northbound lanes were reported to be open just before noon Friday.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/article/20160513/NEWS/160519873>

Homestead Valley Community Council Meets Monday In Landers

Z107.7 News

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The public is invited to participate in the regular monthly meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council, which represents the four communities of Yucca Mesa, Landers, Flamingo Heights and Johnson Valley to local, county, state and federal officials. Representatives from the County Sheriffs, **County Fire** and CalFire are always invited and are happy to answer any questions. The meeting starts at 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, at Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

<http://z1077fm.com/homestead-valley-community-council-meets-monday-in-landers/>

Yermo approves mutual aid agreement with Marine Corps base

Board president says Barstow base 'does excellent job'

Mike Lamb, Desert Dispatch

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YERMO — The Yermo Community Service District Board of Directors gave approval for the signing of new mutual aid agreement with Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow.

"Our mutual aid agreement has expired. They (MCLB) have provided an updated document for our signature," Yermo Fire Department Chief Karl Boldman told the directors during their Tuesday meeting.

Boldman said he reviewed the documents and reported they are identical to previous agreements.

"MCLB does an excellent job assisting our Fire Department. Just anytime we need them. We are very fortunate," Board President Robert Smith said. "We definitely want to keep the mutual aid enforced. I make a motion to go ahead and sign the mutual aid agreement."

The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote. Director David Jensen was absent. The board is still one director short since Sean Cloughen resigned in September.

Two weeks ago, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a three-year automatic aid/mutual aid agreement between the **San Bernardino County Fire Protection District** and Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow.

The agreement allows both fire agencies to assist each other in the Barstow area at no cost to either agency. Automatic aid/mutual aid is provided on a voluntary basis and at no cost to either agency.

As part of the agreement, it will allow the closest fire engine response within proximity of an emergency to respond, providing the most “expeditious response to suppress fires and render other emergency services to the community,” Third District supervisor James Ramos said.

Mutual aid assistance includes fire personnel, equipment, materials, supplies and other services needed to assist the other fire agency.

The agreement will impact emergency response in the greater Barstow areas, including stretches of I-15 and I-40. The agreement only extends to mutual aid within these jurisdictional boundaries — I-15 in between Basin and Hodge roads, I-40 west of Hector Road, Highway 58 east of Hinkley Road, Highway 247 north of Slash X Cafe and also a stretch of Fort Irwin Road.

But the agreement mainly benefits the Helendale station. Mahan said MCLB firefighters generally provide assistance to his station on collisions south of Baker.

<http://www.desertdispatch.com/news/20160515/vermo-approves-mutual-aid-agreement-with-marine-corps-base>

San Bernardino County Fire’s Chipper Days Are Here Again!

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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County Fire crews will be conducting Chipper Days in four mountain communities starting May 21 in Crest Forest/Crestline. (Contributed Photo)

Mountain Communities – Free Chipper Days — conducted by **San Bernardino County Fire** — are here again. County Fire affords mountain residents with four (4) upcoming opportunities to remove brush and keep their property Defensible Space compliant.



Limbs up to 10 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length can be chipped. Limbs and brush only. Leaves or pine needles cannot be chipped.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at all locations.

CHIPPER DAYS

County Fire has announced the following schedule for Chipper Days:

MAY 21 – Crest Forest/Crestline – Crestline/Lake Gregory Chamber of Commerce – 24385 Lake Drive – Crestline

MAY 22 – Twin Peaks – Fire Station 26 – 737 Grandview Road – Twin Peaks

MAY 28 – Lake Arrowhead – Fire Station 93 – 200 North Highway 173 – Lake Arrowhead

MAY 29 – Green Valley Lake – Fire Station 95 – 33596 Green Valley Lake Road – Green Valley Lake

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information call (909) 337-8586.

<http://rotnwnews.com/2016/05/15/san-bernardino-county-fires-chipper-days-are-here-again/>

Rollover, propane leak cause temporary I-15 closure

County Fire officials contained leak during 30 minute traffic delay

Staff Reports, Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire officials responded to a propane leak Sunday morning coming from an overturned truck hauling a camper trailer. Photo courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire Department.

VICTORVILLE — San Bernardino County Fire officials responded to a propane leak Sunday morning coming from an overturned truck hauling a camper trailer.

Interstate 15 travelers suffered roughly a 30 minute delay during a full freeway closure while crews worked to contain the leak.

The incident was initially reported at 11 a.m. as a traffic collision on northbound I-15 between D and E Streets. Upon arriving, California Highway Patrol officials closed the northbound lanes of the I-15 due to the rollover of a truck hauling a camper trailer.

When County Fire arrived at the scene, they quickly discovered a propane leak, and also closed off the I-15's southbound lanes as a precaution.

"The traffic collision is what caused the propane leak," County Fire Cpt. Jeremy Kern told the Daily Press. "That's what sparked the closure."

Kern said once the crews got in, they were able to secure the leak in approximately 15 minutes.

Kern said there were no injuries, and that County Fire could not speak to the cause of the collision, as it remains under investigation by CHP.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20160515/NEWS/160519808>

Firefighters Respond to Multiple Vegetation Fires near Baker

Victor Valley News
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(Photo: SBCoFD via Twitter)

BAKER:(VVNG.com)- **San Bernardino County Fire** were dispatched to multiple reports of a vegetation fire along the 15 freeway in Baker.

Per scanner traffic, on Sunday, May 15th just before noon dispatch received several reports of multiple spot fires along the shoulder of the freeway near Halloran Springs Road.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, visibility on the 15 freeway is not currently affected by the smoke. CHP has issued a traffic break just north of Halloran Springs. The No. 2 and 3 lanes are shut down.

One of the fire's is reported to be burning in the Mojave National Preserve and reported to be 1 acre in size. The fire is medium fuel with light winds blowing.

More information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/firefighters-respond-to-multiple-vegetation-fires-near-baker/>

Letters to the Editor: 05-16-16

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Baker fire station staffing

Let's look at the overall picture. First off, Supervisor James Ramos and the San Manuel casino and tribe gives not a hoot about the highways from Barstow to Laughlin and Las Vegas and in fact the authorities have obviously turned the two-lane vacation highways into a highway to hell.

With Caltrans aiding and abetting the San Manuel political power structure with no checks and balances, no audits and subject to backdoor political control, it's helter skelter politics. On the way to a recent Las Vegas council meeting to speak on the highways to hell as I have for decades, I noticed the unaudited Caltrans had once again closed all four of the life-saving rest stops from Barstow to Las Vegas. This is not only stupid, inexcusable ignorance but downright deadly and a drain on services in 122-degree weather. The vacation highways from Barstow to Laughlin and Las Vegas serve up death on a regular basis to unsuspecting vacation travelers. It's been a two-lane highway to hell with twist curves, lane closures, Nazi's fruit inspection station since I was a child and that was decades ago.

Another indicator is the Nevada state line, which once entering or leaving Nevada is a three-lane highway. Years ago there was money allocated for the expansion but the highway money got diverted to other projects.

Baker has fire credits, as does Newberry Springs, Daggett, Yermo and Harvard Station and what needs to happen is we need to combine all of the fire powers and credits together and think outside the box — one roving, full-time captain position from Barstow to Laughlin and Las Vegas. One fulltime caption position would supervise all volunteers and inmate-staffed fire services. Giving college training credits, degrees and a small stipend on calls for volunteers and a smaller stipend for inmates, this would offset any need for any further depletion of services.

Since this area is so large and we are in the largest county in the world possibly some air support might be funded by the Feds and or Nevada casinos. Hiring more highly paid positions for only Baker will only drain other fire area services of their fire powers and capabilities. We already have fire houses and equipment in Baker, Yermo, Newberry Springs and Daggett. Now let's do what's right by putting all the powers together and staffing them properly with one roving captain, volunteers and inmates to save lives. For example, if you had a heart attack outside the Yermo fire station you might die as they are only open and staffed certain hours and need to be open 24 hours. When death calls it does not care if the fire stations are open or not.

— E.T. Snell Hesperia

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