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## Fire Claims Life of Dog in Cedarpines Park

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When a fire broke out on March 21 at a house in the 22300 block of Crest Forest Drive in Cedarpines Park, the next door neighbor called 9-1-1 at 2:23 a.m. The residents of the burning house were not at home, but their beloved dog, OJ, was trapped inside and died.

Medic Engine 25 was first to arrive on the scene where flames were coming from the rear of the house and smoke was coming from the garage at the front, said Eric Sherwin, public information officer for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department. Other units arrived immediately thereafter from county fire stations in Crestline and Lake Arrowhead. Cal Fire also responded. It took about 20 minutes to knock down the fire, Sherwin said, but the mop-up process was extensive.

No firefighters or civilians were injured. The residents of the house arrived shortly before sunrise and made contact with fire personnel. In addition to the death of OJ, the residents lost all of their belongings and have nothing left except the clothes they were wearing. A GoFundMe account has been set up for the couple – [www.GoFundMe.com/jenamikey](http://www.GoFundMe.com/jenamikey).

The cause of the fire is unknown and is being investigated.

Sherwin mentioned that the county fire department would like people to remember safety guidelines, particularly as the cool nights continue. If using space heaters, be sure to keep them an appropriate distance from anything that is combustible. Do not leave space heaters on when no one is in the room, and turn them off when leaving the house.

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## Woman with life-threatening injuries airlifted after crash on Old Cajon Blvd

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Photo by Albert Rodriguez

**CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com)** — A woman sustained life-threatening injuries and was airlifted to a trauma center after a Thursday evening traffic collision in the Cajon Pass.

The two-vehicle crash was reported on March 29, 2018, at 5:42 pm, between Kenwood Blvd. and Cleghorn Road. on old Cajon Blvd., commonly referred to as Route 66.

Officers with the California Highway Patrol and Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to the scene and found a black Ford Mustang and a gray colored-sedan with major damage.

According to CHP incident logs, one driver was reported to be unconscious and pinned inside the vehicle, which was starting to catch on fire. Good Samaritans were able to extinguish the fire and get the elderly woman out of the vehicle, according to the logs.

San Bernardino County Fire Spokesman Eric Sherwin said, they arrived and treated one patient from each vehicle. One patient was classified as delayed with non-life threatening injuries and the other was classified as immediate with life-threatening injuries. Sherwin said helicopter Air Rescue 7 landed near the scene and transported a woman from the High Desert to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

Cajon Blvd. was closed in both directions for a short amount of time in order to allow the helicopter to land at the scene. As of 8:00 pm, lanes were reportedly re-opened.

The official cause of the accident remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol. The story will be updated as information becomes available.

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## Car in Hesperia driveway goes up in flames; no injuries

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Photo by Alexis Contreras

**HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com)** — An early morning vehicle fire prompted 911 dispatch to receive nearly half a dozen calls here Thursday.

At 2:50 am, **San Bernardino County Fire Medic Engine 40** and its crew responded to a vehicle fire in the 8800 block of Palo Alto in Hesperia.

“The reporting party called and advised their vehicle was parked in front of their residence and was fully engulfed,” stated Hesperia Sheriff’s Spokeswoman Jackie Chambers.

Firefighters arrived and located a 2006 red Ford Fusion fully engulfed vehicle in the driveway of the residence.

According to San Bernardino County Fire Spokesman Eric Sherwin, they received half a dozen calls meaning the fire was very visible to people.

Firefighters had knocked down the fire within 10 minutes and were able to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby structures. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Sherwin told Victor Valley News, the official cause of the fire remains under investigation and he did not see anything in the call that would point towards arson. “No investigator was requested and the final report will be coming from the local station.”

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## Man arrested, charged in federal court for arson in national park

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**JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK,** — A Twentynine Palms man appeared in federal court Wednesday afternoon on a federal charge alleging he illegally started the fire in the Oasis of Mara in Joshua Tree National Park on Monday night, March 26.

The fire damaged historic trees and other park resources in a 2.5-acre area behind the Oasis Visitor Center in Joshua Tree National Park.

According to the criminal complaint filed Wednesday afternoon, National Park Service Law Enforcement Rangers arrested George William Graham, 26, of Twentynine Palms, at the scene of the fire.

Graham was observed watching the blaze and admitted to law enforcement officers that he started the fire. According to court records, Graham was known to the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department and the National Park Service as a California arson parolee, with prior law-enforcement contacts with both state and federal authorities.

Federal prosecutors filed a criminal complaint against Graham, which charges him with unlawfully setting timber afire, a felony offense punishable by up to five years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. Graham is detained in federal custody pending his next court appearance on April 11.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by the National Park Service, with assistance from the United States Bureau of Land Management, the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

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