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San Antonio Heights being strong-armed: Letters

Daily Bulletin

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As a resident of the Heights and a member of the San Antonio Heights Association, I have the perspective of not just my own opinion but of our residents who have reached out to us asking for help and expressing their concerns regarding many issues: voter suppression, gender discrimination, intimidation, fear mongering and government abuse, to name a few.

It is hard to understand that we are being strong-armed and bullied into funding Upland and its poor leadership by forking over monies that will not save the city of Upland's funding issues at all. .

If this new fire annexation tax would actually benefit our community we would still want the ability to vote on it. What's good for me may not be necessarily good for one of my neighbors. Asking for this to go to a vote is not too much to ask. We are being forced to fight for our rights that are already in place. Taxation without representation of its citizens is abuse of government power.

Imagine you are dining at your favorite restaurant and when your bill comes it is much higher then you expected. When you ask the waitress why, she explains that the guests two tables over couldn't afford their check so therefore someone had to pay for it. This is exactly how this feels.

— *Katie Hawthorne, San Antonio Heights*

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/opinion/20170601/san-antonio-heights-being-strong-armed-letters>

Protest annexation or have no chance to vote: Letters

Daily Bulletin

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A chance to vote, or no voice or vote. This is the real question regarding the protest of Upland City Fire Department being annexed into **San Bernardino County Fire**. The prominent articles in the Daily Bulletin from former and retired council members and fire personnel have been misrepresented (e.g., May 20: "Upland city officials have said that if the annexation process were to fail, they would have to lay off firefighters and close a fire station." If the annexation is approved, Upland/LAFCO is closing the station on San Antonio and 20th).

Don't be bullied into believing the annexation is best for Upland. If signed protest forms are not received by June 14, the annexation automatically passes.

Wake up, San Antonio Heights and Upland. You are giving the county the property, land and equipment of each station — and your reward for this gift is an annual special tax starting at \$152 and increasing 3 percent per year in addition to what you are already being assessed. This is in direct violation of Proposition 13 that states no new taxes without a vote.

Make your voice heard. If you need a protest form they can be picked up and dropped off at Cable Airport. Let's take a step back so we can review this proposal and make an informed, not a rushed, decision.

— *Elyse Skeate, San Antonio Heights*

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/opinion/20170602/protest-annexation-or-have-no-chance-to-vote-letters>

Attorney believes process of disbanding Upland fire discriminates against women

Liset Márquez, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

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Upland Fire Station 163 on Benson Avenue is shown in the 2013 file photo. File photo

A San Antonio Heights homeowner and attorney is claiming the process to protest the disbanding of the Upland Fire Department is discriminatory against women property owners.

Joe Farrell said the Local Agency Formation Commission in San Bernardino, failed to mail notices of protest to at least six female property owners that he is aware of. He said he has filed an objection on behalf of two women who did not wish to go public.

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, the agency's executive director, said last week the notices sent were based on the San Bernardino County Assessor's Office, which provides the mailing information for each property. LAFCO's executive director said the notice process doesn't prohibit co-owners from filing a protest.

"Anyone with ownership can show up and provide a protest," she said, referring to the June 14 protest hearing that will be held at Upland City Hall.

Annexing the more than 100-year-old department to **San Bernardino County Fire** has proven unpopular with some residents, specifically those in the community of San Antonio Heights. The move would transfer the city's fire station properties, employees, assets, obligations, as well as liabilities, to county fire. San Antonio Heights, which is already served by county fire, would be incorporated into the same service zone as Upland.

Some property and landowners in both Upland and San Antonio Heights are irked because they would have to pay an annual \$150 parcel tax, which may increase 3 percent annually, and have launched a campaign to stop the process.

Farrell sent the San Bernardino agency a letter May 22 objecting to the entire process because anyone not on the list as the landowner did not get noticed.

"I think what everyone wants here is a vote and LAFCO has been fairly dismissive of what people want," he said.

Rollings-McDonald sent Farrell a response May 24. The executive director said it's not uncommon for some parcels to have up to 10 names listed as owners. The agency will get an expanded list from the assessor's office, prior to the June 14 hearing, that will list the owners and co-owners of each property. If a co-owner who didn't receive the notice files a protest, the San Bernardino agency will compare names and determine the validity, she said.

If LAFCO receives protests from more than 50 percent of the landowners or registered voters, the process is terminated. Protest coming from between 25.01 and 50 percent of registered voters or parcel owners will force an election.

Protest from 25 percent or fewer landowners or voters will trigger approval of the annexation.

Rollings-McDonald said LAFCO followed the government code — pertaining to local government reorganization — when it used the most recent assessment roll.

But the San Antonio Heights homeowner still believes LAFCO failed to follow a section of the government code which states: "the executive officer of the commission shall give mailed notice to each landowner within the affected territory."

If the annexation process proceeds after the June 14 hearing, Farrell said he intends to proceed with a lawsuit or discuss terms of a settlement.

"This is clear sexual discrimination through a disparate impact by a state and county organization," Farrell wrote in an email May 25.

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/general-news/20170604/attorney-believes-process-of-disbanding-upland-fire-discriminates-against-women>

Fontana: Zero Tolerance for Illegal Fireworks

InlandEmpire.us

Posted: June 3, 2017

Fontana, Calif. – The City of Fontana in collaboration with the Fontana Police Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** are working to send a zero tolerance message against the use of illegal fireworks in Fontana as the 4th of July holiday approaches. The "Say No to Illegal Fireworks" Awareness and Enforcement Campaign will run from June 1, 2017- July 5, 2017. The campaign will include a series of fire and law enforcement operations to stop attempts towards the use, sale and possession of illegal fireworks. The campaign will also include this public service announcement, digital billboard ads on the 10 and 210 Freeways and banners throughout the community reminding the public that only "Safe and Sane" fireworks are accepted for use within city limits..

So far this year, Fontana Police Officers have cited two individuals for illegal fireworks, arrested three individuals for possession and sales of illegal fireworks and have seized over 100 pounds of illegal fireworks. Fines for possession and discharge of illegal fireworks range from \$2,500 – \$10,000.

In 2016, the San Bernardino County Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshal in cooperation with law enforcement seized over 25,000 pounds of illegal fireworks from being trafficked into the county. Fontana Police Department will staff extra officers and conduct saturation patrols over the holiday weekend to cite and arrest any individual caught in possession of, or igniting illegal fireworks. Officers

will be looking for individuals using illegal fireworks which consist of any fireworks that explode and fly such as M-80's, Bottle Rockets, Fire-Crackers, Roman Candles and Mortars. Fontana City Code 15-602 states, "No person shall possess, sell, use, display or explode any "Dangerous fireworks."

"We understand the growing concern regarding the dangers associated with the use of illegal fireworks and we are asking for your help to make this Fourth of July holiday safe," stated City of Fontana Spokeswoman Martha Guzman-Hurtado. "Illegal fireworks use is not worth the risk of getting caught, paying expensive fines, causing injury or damaging property."

The Fontana Police Department encourages residents who plan on purchasing fireworks to purchase "Safe and Sane." These fireworks are less likely to cause injury and do not explode or fly. The "Safe and Sane" fireworks are still dangerous, especially for children. Any child using any type of "Safe and Sane" firework should have adult supervision. The "Safe and Sane" Fireworks may be discharged in Fontana between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. from June 28th – July 5th. Fines for illegal use of Safe and Sane fireworks range from \$250 – \$1,050. This includes modification, allowing a minor to set off fireworks and discharging them outside the time frame allowed by the Fontana City Code.

The Fontana Police Department continues to be one of the few cities to allow the sale of "Safe and Sane" fireworks in the Inland Empire. As a result, the Fourth of July generates a significantly higher number of calls for service.

"Residents play an important role in our fireworks investigations," said Fire Marshal Mike Horton. "If you see something, say something. Call the authorities or WeTip hotline at 1-800-47-Arson to report illegal fireworks."

"We want Fontana residents to enjoy a safe and responsible 4th of July," stated Fontana Police Chief Bob Ramsey.

As an alternative to purchasing fireworks, the City of Fontana will have a Fourth of July Celebration at Fontana High School with music, food and fireworks starting at 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information call 909-349-6900.

For more information about the use of fireworks in Fontana call the Fireworks Information line at (909) 356-7101.

<https://inlandempire.us/zero-tolerance-fireworks-fontana/>

San Bernardo County Fire issues a “NO FIREWORKS ALERT !”

Susan Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Mountain Communities – The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** has issued FIREWORKS ALERT!

Possession of any type of fireworks, including “safe and sane” fireworks, is against the law in any unincorporated area of San Bernardino County. 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.

NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED

The law states that no fireworks or pyrotechnic device of any kind may be discharged anywhere within the boundaries of the San Bernardino National Forest, regardless of weather conditions or special holidays, such as Independence Day.

All regulations relating to fireworks are strictly enforced and each violation is punishable as a misdemeanor by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

In addition, visitors to the San Bernardino National Forest are reminded that all approved campfires must be extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving them unattended.

BE VIGILANT

With San Bernardino County facing a dangerous wildland fire season, the San Bernardino County Fire Department (SBCoFD) has increased its vigilance in enforcing state and county firework laws to protect public health and safety. Fire and law enforcement agencies will be conducting operations this year 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.

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 authorities at 9-1-1 or We Tip hotline at 1-800-47-ARSON to anonymously report illegal fireworks,” Fire Marshal Mike Horton said.

<http://rotwnews.com/2017/06/04/san-bernardo-county-fire-issues-a-no-fireworks-alert/>

Plan to shoot off fireworks? How about a \$1,000 fine?

Alicia Robinson, Press Enterprise

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Fontana Police Chief Rod Jones speaks during a 2015 news conference on the use of illegal fireworks. A number of Inland cities are stepping up enforcement of their fireworks bans with extra patrols and higher fines. File photo by Stan Lim, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG

Riverside and a number of other Inland cities have a message for anyone planning their own private fireworks celebration this summer: Don't do it.

All fireworks are illegal in most Inland cities. Exceptions include Fontana, Colton and several Riverside County desert communities that allow "safe and sane" fireworks.

Around Riverside and San Bernardino counties, officials are facing increasing complaints from residents about pops, bangs and flashes at all hours that start weeks before July 4 and continue well after the holiday.

In response, they're increasing efforts to educate residents. And, for those who don't comply, they aim to find and fine them.

Fontana police already have arrested three people on suspicion of possession and sale of illegal fireworks and confiscated more than 100 pounds of pyrotechnic items, a city news release states. Its fines for having and setting off illegal fireworks top out at \$10,000.

Riverside has started its awareness campaign in hopes of reaching people before they buy fireworks. About 110,000 residents will get a "no fireworks" flier stuffed in their utility bill.

Also, Riverside Unified School District's 43,000 students will get fliers to take home, Riverside City Fire Marshal Jennifer McDowell said.

A police and fire task force will be doing extra patrols leading to the holiday. And citations in Riverside will carry a \$1,000 fine — double what it was July 4.

Some might wonder, what's the big deal about celebrating with a few fireworks?

Officials hope to prevent burns, amputations and other traumatic injuries, the alarm suffered by pets and people with post-traumatic stress disorder, and potential fires, McDowell said.

In 2016, Riverside police got 916 emergency calls about fireworks, wrote 20 citations and confiscated 780 pounds of contraband.

Beaumont has long had issues with fireworks throughout the year as people set them off in celebration, Police Services Analyst Mercedes Cashmer said. They sometimes cause fire and are often mistaken for gunshots by concerned neighbors.

The penalty for illegal fireworks could include a fine or possible jail time, but that's if police can catch the culprit.

Doing so can be a challenge, Cashmer said, because often people will light a few fireworks, "and they'll realize it's illegal and they're not supposed to do it so they'll light them off and go inside."

In Murrieta, residents found using fireworks could be hit with fines of up to \$500, Murrieta Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Steve Kean said.

It's common, he said, for city firefighters to periodically put out firework-related blazes in summer, and this year is a bigger concern because of vegetation growth from recent rainfall.

Murrieta will use social media to remind people that all fireworks are illegal, Kean said. Closer to the holiday, city firefighters and police officers will be patrolling to look for violators.

Anyone with fireworks will at least get a warning and have their fireworks confiscated, Kean said. Whether they're cited and the size of a fine will depend on the type and amount of fireworks.

Officials say the bans shouldn't be seen as dampening holiday fun. They encourage residents to go to one of the permitted firework shows put on by cities or sports teams that are staffed by professionals.

"They don't have to do their own and take chances," Beaumont's Cashmer said.

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS FINES

Many Inland cities ban all fireworks and will be enforcing the rules as July 4 approaches.

Fontana: Fines for illegal fireworks range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. "Safe and sane" fireworks such as sparklers are OK.

Murrieta: Fines are as high as \$500.

Riverside: Citations and fines are \$1,000.

San Bernardino County: In the county fire department's area, those smuggling illegal fireworks face fines up to \$1,250 and possible arrest.

<http://www.pe.com/2017/06/04/plan-to-shoot-off-fireworks-how-about-a-1000-fine/>

Fireworks illegal in unincorporated areas

Daily Press

Posted: June 4, 2017

Possession of any type of fireworks, including “safe and sane” fireworks, is against the law in any unincorporated area of San Bernardino County.

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 officials announced.

“Safe and Sane” fireworks are only allowed in the following cities: Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton, and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace, and San Bernardino.

Please call the Fire Department in these cities for more information.

All fireworks are illegal elsewhere in the county. All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California.

With San Bernardino County facing a dangerous fire season, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department has increased its vigilance in enforcing state and county firework laws to protect public health and safety.

While “Safe and Sane” fireworks are allowed in some San Bernardino County communities, the County Board of Supervisors and County Fire encourage residents to watch fireworks at community celebrations rather than use their own.

Visit sbcfire.org for a schedule of local firework displays. For more information on fireworks safety, contact your local fire station.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170604/fireworks-illegal-in-unincorporated-areas>

County Fire offers tips to ‘safe & sanely’ enjoy fireworks season

Daily Press

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With a heightened risk for wildfires this year, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** has increased its efforts in ensuring illegal fireworks are not a hazard to local communities.

Together with other fire and local law enforcement agencies, the department will be conducting operations this year to stop attempts to smuggle tens of thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks into the county.

Possession of any type of fireworks, including “safe and sane” fireworks, is against the law in any unincorporated area of the county. “Safe and sane” fireworks are only allowed in Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Colton, and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace and San Bernardino. All fireworks are illegal elsewhere in the county.

All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California. If 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, officials say.

Residents found smuggling illegal fireworks may face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest. Officials said property owners may also 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.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, on a typical Fourth of July, fireworks cause more fires in the country than all other causes combined. 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, officials said.

County Fire offers some safety tips for residents using “safe and sane” fireworks:

- Always use fireworks (“safe and sane” only) with an adult present. Officials say even a “safe and sane” sparkler can burn at a temperature that ignites clothing easily.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Always have water (such as a garden hose or bucket) and a fire extinguisher within reach
- Always place fireworks on a firm, non-combustible surface, like a sidewalk or pavement.
- Never alter fireworks or re-light “dud” fireworks.
- Do not make or use homemade fireworks.
- Never point, throw or mishandle fireworks.

While “safe and sane” fireworks are allowed in some communities, the Board of Supervisors and County Fire encourage residents to watch fireworks at community celebrations rather than use their own. Visit sbcfire.org for a schedule of local firework displays.

For more information on fireworks safety, contact your local fire station.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170605/county-fire-offers-tips-to-safe-amp-sanelly-enjoy-fireworks-season>

Volatile marijuana extraction lab found in San Bernardino

Gail Wesson, Press Enterprise

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A search of a residence in the 200 block of East 45th Street in San Bernardino found evidence of chemicals used in a marijuana THC extraction lab. Courtesy of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

Investigators found evidence of a marijuana THC extraction lab in the 200 block of East 45th Street in San Bernardino Saturday night, June 3, according to a San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department news release.

San Bernardino police had gone to the residence on a call for service, discovered lab items and asked for help from the sheriff's gangs and narcotics division, the release stated.

No one was home when the sheriff's marijuana enforcement team served a search warrant there.

San Bernardino County Fire and its hazardous materials team were on standby because of the potential for an explosion or fire from volatile chemicals.

The extraction process creates a higher concentration of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, that produces its high.

Officials did not identify any suspects. The results of the investigation will be sent to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office for review.

Anyone with information regarding the investigation is asked to call the gangs/narcotics division at 909-387-8400. Anonymous tips may be made to We-tip Hotline at 800-782-7463 or at www.wetip.com

<http://www.pe.com/2017/06/04/volatile-marijuana-extraction-lab-found-in-san-bernardino/>

THC Extraction Lab raided

San Bernardino PD/San Bernardino County Sheriff Department via Highland News

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Officers from the San Bernardino Police Department were dispatched to 275 East 45th St. in San Bernardino for a call for service and located items that were consistent with a THC extraction lab. Personnel from the Sheriff's Department Gangs/Narcotics Division were requested to respond to assist with the investigation.

The Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team served a search warrant at the residence and assumed the investigation. Investigators found evidence of a THC extraction operation at the location. There were no suspects inside the residence at the time. Personnel from the **San Bernardino County Fire District** and HAZMAT responded to the scene because of the dangerous circumstances and potential for an explosion or fire.

Investigators found evidence to suggest the suspect(s) were manufacturing and making concentrated cannabis, referred to as Wax or (Butane) Honey Oil.

Concentrated cannabis can sell for much more than marijuana itself. Some marijuana users prefer using Wax, Dabs or Honey Oil over the straightforward method of smoking marijuana (bud) because of the higher concentration of THC levels produced. Therefore, the effects are much stronger than the traditional method of smoking the plant material. THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) is the main or active ingredient in marijuana that causes the "high" when using the drug.

The THC extraction process is extremely dangerous and has a high potential for explosion and fire due to the use of large amounts of flammable chemicals during the extraction process. This chemical process is illegal and is a violation of California's Health & Safety Code. Wax is a form of concentrated cannabis commonly made by extracting the THC from the marijuana plant or plant material.

The investigation is ongoing. It will be sent to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office for review of criminal charges against the suspect(s). They will face charges of Manufacturing a Controlled Substance and other related narcotic charges.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact the Sheriff's Gangs / Narcotics Division at 909-387-8400. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463) or you may leave information on the We-Tip Hotline at www.wetip.com.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/crime_and_fire/thc-extraction-lab-raided/article_e601d1ea-49fb-11e7-b3b0-d7083e74629f.html

Mother, daughter airlifted after crash in Phelan on Friday

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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PHELAN — Authorities said a mother and daughter suffered major injuries following a crash early Friday morning.

California Highway Patrol officers and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel responded to the crash, which occurred on Sheep Creek and Goss roads at 10:40 a.m. Friday. CHP Officer Matt Hunt said a white Ford Explorer and gray Jeep Renegade were involved.

Hunt said a woman in the Ford was headed north on Sheep Creek Road when, for reasons still under investigation, the vehicle crossed the yellow lines just south of Rancho Road and struck a 2016 Jeep Renegade. The Ford then made an “unsafe turning movement” and lost control, overturning in the roadway.

The woman, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the vehicle and suffered severe injuries. She was accompanied by her 5-year-old daughter, who was not in a child safety seat and also sustained injury, Hunt said.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel were requested for medical aid. County Fire spokesman Ryan Vacarro said an airship was requested for mother and child, who were ultimately taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment.

The driver of the Jeep was not injured, Hunt said.

Alcohol may be a factor in the crash, Hunt said, which remains under investigation by the Victorville CHP office.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170602/mother-daughter-airlifted-after-crash-in-phelan-on-friday>

Quick action stops flames

Stacy Moore, Hi-Desert Star

Posted: June 2, 2017, 3:29 PM



Engineer Aaron Comstock refines the flow of water and foam to the lines as San Bernardino County firefighters stop flames from spreading beyond a garage at an Onaga Trail house Thursday. Stacy Moore Hi-Desert Star

YUCCA VALLEY — Firefighters were able to keep flames from spreading from the garage to the living area of a house on Onaga Trail at Fox Trail around 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Capt. Zack Taylor, with the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, said a neighbor spotted the smoke and knocked on the front door to warn anyone inside, but no one answered. “They feared an older woman lived there and might be inside,” Taylor said. The neighbor grabbed a garden hose and began dousing the smoking eaves while waiting for help.

County firefighters from the downtown Yucca Valley station were first to arrive on the scene and found the flames were burning in and above the garage. “We did a primary search and quickly moved to knock down the fire,” Taylor said.

A few firefighters climbed onto the roof with a chainsaw and hand tools to cut a hole in the roof as the crews continued to try to confirm whether someone was inside. “These guys did a good job with some vertical ventilation, and cleared the smoke enough to do a good secondary search,” Taylor said.

They determined no one was home.

With Joshua Tree and Yucca Mesa crews also working on the scene, the fire was stopped before it could destroy the house.

“It seemed like it started in the exterior of the back of the house and moved its way into the garage,” Taylor said.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_038f7c78-47e3-11e7-9bab-5761ff876c0a.html

Fire station gets closer to closing

Union battles to keep crews in Wonder Valley

Leah Sanson, Hi-Desert Star

Posted: June 2, 2017, 4:11 PM

WONDER VALLEY — In a new budget for the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, the Wonder Valley Fire Station is not included.

The county does not plan on continuing service out of that station.

“There is a concern with the primary budget,” Battalion Chief Mike Snow said this week. “The funds aren’t staying current with the cost and revenue generated in that area.”

The budget is not finalized yet, however, and there still may be hope for the Wonder Valley crew.

“There are crews still there now, but there is concern on the horizon whether crews will remain there or not,” said Snow.

San Bernardino County Local 935 President Jim Grigoli is optimistic.

“We will look into all aspects and avenues to maintain services in that area,” Grigoli said.

He is talking to county Board of Supervisors members every day to explain the importance of not only the Wonder Valley station, but of the other services the county wants to cut.

“Our stance is that closing any piece of equipment is not good,” Grigoli said. “We don’t approve of anything closing.”

Located on Amboy Road, Station 45 serves Wonder Valley all the way to the I-40 and Twentynine Palms.

“Closing down this station would mean an increase in response times,” Grigoli warned.

If the station closes, he explained, the extra burden would be placed on Twentynine Palms firefighters and paramedics to respond to fires, vehicle collisions and medical emergencies all the way through to the I-40, or that burden could be placed on the county fire stations in Needles or Baker.

County representatives and San Bernardino County Fire will continue negotiations, but they have a deadline of July 1 to arrive at a budget.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/the_desert_trail/news/article_de1a08ea-47e8-11e7-87cf-1f7b5c63b722.html

Man Injured After Crashing into Adelanto City Work Truck

Victor Valley News Group

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An Adelanto City work truck and a Honda were involved in a traffic collision Friday afternoon. (Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) A City of Adelanto pickup truck and a small sedan collided Friday afternoon.

At around 3:00 p.m, dispatch received reports of a traffic collision at the intersection of Stevens Road and Air Expressway just west of Highway 395.

A black Honda was traveling southbound on Stevens Road and failed to stop for the city work truck that was traveling westbound on Air Express Way, Deputy Page confirmed.

The Honda sustained damage to the driver side door. The impact caused the vehicle to rest against a parked tractor-trailer.

The driver of the Honda was transported to a trauma center as a precaution, but injuries did not appear life-threatening. The driver of the city truck did not require medical attention.

The road will be temporarily closed for a brief investigation. The Victor Valley Sheriff's Station is handling the incident.

<http://www.vvng.com/man-injured-crashing-adelanto-city-work-truck/>

Woman and Child Injured in Multi Vehicle Crash on Highway 395

Victor Valley News Group

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(Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) A woman and a young boy were transported to a local hospital following a multi-vehicle crash on Highway 395.

At about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jun 3, 2017, deputies responded to a traffic collision on Highway 395 and Eucalyptus Street in Victorville.

Upon arrival, deputies located a Toyota Camry, a Chevy Camaro, and a Toyota Corolla had been involved in a collision.

The female passenger and child in the Corolla were injured and transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital. Their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

According to deputies at the scene, the Camry was stopped for a red light on northbound Highway 395. The Chevy Camaro ran the red light and crashed into the rear passenger side of the Camry.

The Camaro veered to the right and collided into the Corolla that was attempting to make a left-hand turn onto Eucalyptus Street from southbound Highway 395.

No other injuries were reported as a result of the crash.

<http://www.vvng.com/woman-child-injured-multi-vehicle-crash-highway-395/>