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Fast Fire Knockdown Saves Yucca Valley House

Staff Writer, z1077 News

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Fast work by responding county firefighters saved a Yucca Valley house Saturday morning. Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle said county fire crews from Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree responded to a structure fire in the 57400 block of Encelia Drive in Yucca Valley at approximately 1 a.m. Medic Engine 41 from the downtown Yucca station was first on scene and found a detached garage fully involved. The fire was threatening the adjacent house, but an aggressive fire attack kept the fire contained to the garage. The fire was knocked down about 10 minutes after arrival. No injuries reported. The cause is under investigation.

<http://z1077fm.com/local-news/todays-full-newscast/>

2 Shooting victims airlifted from Victorville Saturday

Staff Writer, VVNG

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[File Photo]

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Two shooting victims were airlifted to trauma centers early Saturday morning.

At 1:41 am., deputies responded to a residence in the 16100 block of Tawney Ridge Lane in Victorville. Details of the shootings remain scarce, however, sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Bachman said, based on the information in the call one person was shot multiple times and airlifted to the hospital.

San Bernardino County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said, they were dispatched to a drive-by shooting and found an Adult Male with multiple wounds. Due to his injuries, he was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center in critical condition.

According to Bachman, the detectives are still working the incident and there is not enough info to confirm much more.

At 2:13 am, Firefighters were requested to respond to the area of Mojave Drive and Amethyst Road to assist deputies who were out with a gunshot victim.

Eric Sherwin said they responded for an Adult Male with a gunshot wound and transported the victim to Victor Valley Global Medical Center and later airlifted him to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

“The call states the victim was having difficulty giving them info about the shooting, so I can’t confirm if this is related to the Tawney Ridge shooting,” stated Bachman.

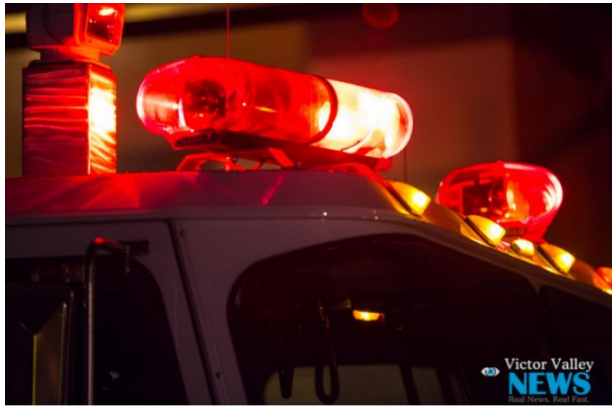
The stories are developing and additional information will be updated as it is received.

<http://www.vvng.com/2-shooting-victims-airlifted-from-victorville-saturday/>

1 airlifted after Saturday night crash on Palmdale Road in Phelan

Staff Writer, VVNG

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PHELAN, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A man was airlifted to a trauma center after a multi-vehicle crash in Phelan Saturday night.

At about 9:40 pm, firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to the crash on Palmdale Road and Smith Road in Phelan.

Upon arrival, firefighters located three vehicles with major damage blocking the roadway.

A medical helicopter landed at the scene and airlifted an Adult Male to a trauma center in critical condition. A second patient was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/1-airlifted-after-saturday-night-crash-on-palmdale-road-in-phelan/>

Body cam footage shows San Bernardino County firefighters battling Victorville fire

Staff Writer, ABC7

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (KABC) --

A firefighter's body cam caught all the action as he walked into a burning building in Victorville.

San Bernardino County firefighters went into attack mode against a residential fire that happened Sunday in the 14000 block of Coalinga Road.

The fire department posted the dramatic video on its Facebook page on Saturday. Firefighters were able to knock down the fire in about 25 minutes. One child was treated for smoke inhalation. No firefighters were hurt.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

<http://abc7.com/video-body-cam-footage-shows-firefighters-battling-victorville-fire/3288606/>

Watch: Firefighter races through burning building, puts out blaze

Spencer Ernst, AZfamily

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(Meredith/AP) -- **San Bernardino County Fire** Department released dramatic bodycam footage of a residential fire in California.

The video, released Saturday, shows a firefighter rushing into the burning home in Victorville, California on March 25th and extinguishing fires in several rooms.

The fire department posted details of the fire on **Facebook**, saying the fire was declared out approximately 26 minutes later. One child was treated for smoke inhalation.

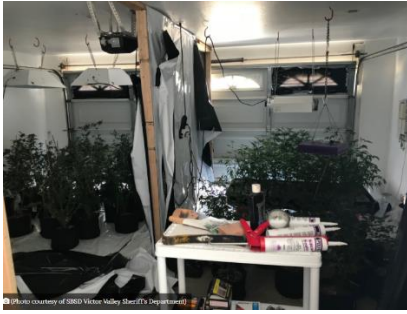
San Bernadino County Fire Department is still investigating the cause of the fire.

<http://www.azfamily.com/story/37856113/watch-firefighter-races-through-burning-building-puts-out-blaze>

Illegal THC lab and cock fighting operation discovered in Victorville home

Staff Writer, VVNG

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A Friday morning search warrant at a Victorville home led officials to the discovery of an illegal THC extrication lab, an indoor marijuana grow with 325 plants, and over 20 fighting roosters.

Gregory Sams, 38, of Highland, was arrested near the residence after he attempted to flee on foot as deputies arrived, officials said.

On March 30, at 8:00 am, Deputies with the Rural Crime Task Force and sheriff's deputies served the warrant in the 13000 block of Begonia Road reference an illegal bird-fighting operation.

During the search, "over 325 marijuana plants, in various stages of growth, along with over 40 pounds of processed marijuana and 3 pounds of concentrated THC were found inside the house," stated a sheriff's news release.

Officials said advanced lighting, air conditioning, fans, and exhaust blowers were used to control the climate inside the residence as well as an air-filtering system to control the odor of marijuana. Investigators also found the electricity at the location was being stolen to facilitate the grow operation. Personnel from Southern California Edison (SCE) assisted in the electrical theft investigation.

The Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team and **San Bernardino County Fire** personnel responded to the location and assisted with the investigation due to the hazmat situation. They located approximately 400 butane cans inside. The extreme measures used to illegally grow marijuana and extract THC endangers the public living near the residence. The potential for an explosion and fire when extracting THC are high due to the materials used.

Bird fighting supplements, feed, tethers and fighting implements were also located. Many of the roosters had their combs and waddles groomed for fighting. San Bernardino Animal Control responded and assisted with the birds.

Sams was arrested for TCH extraction lab and booked at the High Desert Detention Center and is being held in lieu of \$500,000.00 bail.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is urged to contact Deputy Oakleaf or Deputy Corey Lawrence at Victor Valley Sheriff's Station, (760) 552-6800. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can report information to WeTip by calling 1-800-78-CRIME, or by accessing the website at www.wetip.com.

THC lab, bird fighting ring found at Victorville home Friday

Paola Baker, VV Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies await a HazMat team in Victorville on Friday. Deputies were executing a search warrant on a suspected bird fighting location when they discovered a THC extraction lab. [James Quigg, Daily Press]

VICTORVILLE — Authorities searching for an bird fighting operation found an “active” THC extraction lab at a home here Friday afternoon, officials confirmed to the Daily Press.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department officials came across the lab as the Rural Crimes Task Force served a search warrant at a home in the 13400 block of Begonia Road Friday morning, according to Deputy Rob Oakleaf.

“Originally, the task force was here related to a possible bird fighting operation,” Oakleaf told the Daily Press. “Then, we found the honey oil lab.”

Deputies requested assistance from the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, who sent a HazMat team to respond.

“Honestly, we’re still not sure what’s all in there,” Oakleaf said while on scene Friday afternoon. “We expect to be here for quite some time.”

Sheriff's Sgt. Sean Struebing said on Twitter the team located a “live concentrated cannabis lab” at the home, along with several fighting birds.

“Narcotics team and County Fire are on scene to clear the HazMat situation,” Struebing said.

Further details are forthcoming. No arrests have yet been made, Oakleaf said.

This story is developing and more information will be updated as it is received.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180330/thc-lab-bird-fighting-ring-found-at-victorville-home-friday>

Fiery crash shutdowns highway 395 Friday night; 1 airlifted

Staff Writer, VVNG

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — One person was airlifted to a trauma center following a fiery crash on Highway 395, just north of the California Aqueduct Friday night.

For reasons still unknown, at about 7:50 pm, the driver, and sole-occupant of a gray newer model Ford Focus hatchback lost control and collided with a utility pole as it traveled north on 395.

After the crash, thick smoke began billowing from the smashed engine area. Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded and extinguished the fire.

The sole-occupant was classified as ‘immediate’ and firefighter requested an airship. Firefighters secured a landing zone in the sports field at Sunset Ridge Park in the 12800 block of Eucalyptus Street and the driver was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

US Highway-395 was closed in both directions between Main Street and Bear Valley for approximately 1-hour while authorities cleared the roadway.

A Southern California Edison representative will respond to inspect the integrity of the utility pole, scanner traffic reported.

The official cause of the crash remains under investigation. Information will be updated as it becomes available.

<http://www.vvng.com/fiery-crash-shutdowns-highway-395-friday-night-1-airlifted/>

Firefighters quickly extinguish homeless encampment blaze in Victorville

Rene Ray De La Cruz, VV Daily Press

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Firefighters extinguish a blaze at a homeless encampment in Victorville Friday Morning. [Rene De La Cruz, Daily Press]

VICTORVILLE — Billowing smoke from a burning homeless encampment drew the attention of nearby residents and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel, who quickly extinguished the blaze.

Two engine companies and a battalion chief responded to the fire just after 10 a.m. Friday, which started in an open field east of 11th Avenue and Cabazon Street in Victorville.

The fire was contained to a small encampment where burning tires emitted heavy black smoke, Fire Captain Justin Burt told the Daily Press as deputies with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department assisted.

"Sometimes we get these fires near the wash where the homeless start fires for various reasons," Burt said. "It's kind of a regular occurrence for us."

A sheriff's deputy led a female in handcuffs away as others from nearby homeless encampments and residents of Mountain Vista apartments watched.

"We call this area Hobo City," said Sheila Halston, a resident who lives east of the fire. "There's always something going on at Hobo City."

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180330/firefighters-quickly-extinguish-homeless-encampment-blaze-in-victorville>