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Fired up for festival

Luanne Hunt, Daily Press

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Wrightwood's annual Fire on the Mountain music festival returns at noon Saturday, with 10 bands taking part this year. [Photo courtesy of Gayle and Tommy Dowling]

Whatever your musical pleasure, you will be sure to find it at the Wrightwood Blues Society's and Centerstage Wrightwood's annual Fire on the Mountain music festival beginning at noon on Saturday in downtown Wrightwood.

According to event coordinator Gayle Dowling, the festival will feature 10 bands performing a variety of musical genres including rock, bluegrass, classical, oldies, folk and reggae.

This year's lineup is set to include Bodie Mountain Express Bluegrass, Universal Dudes Grateful Dead cover band, Lipstick Red, Mondo A-Go-Go rock band, Jeremiah Gonzales, and Southern California reggae icon Smoothie Jones.

"This festival has something for everyone," said Dowling, who works together with her husband Tommy to produce the event. "We started out years ago doing this as a Grateful Dead tribute concert and eventually we expanded to include all types of music. Our bands are really great and deliver all kinds of good stuff."

Dowling said proceeds from Fire on the Mountain will be used for upkeep and improvements to the Wrightwood Fire Department's Emergency Response Unit's snowcat. **The San Bernardino County Fire** Department uses snowcats, which carry survival and medical supplies, as mountain rescue units, often interfacing with helicopters and other emergency vehicles.

"Over the years, the money has benefitted many groups from all over Southern California," said Dowling. "This time, we chose to help a local group and since fire season is upon us, we went to the Wrightwood Fire Department and asked them what we could do for them."

Along with the music at Fire on the Mountain, Dowling said The Village Grind will offer food, beer and wine for sale.

Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youngsters 17 and under and can be purchased at wrightwoodblues.org. Tickets purchased on the day of the show will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 17 and under.

Dowling recommends bringing a tent or shade covering if desired for outside performances, as well as chairs. Beverages and food will be available for purchase from local vendors.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20190730/fired-up-for-festival>

2nd Alarm Fire

Michael McClintock, Battalion Chief Division 4, SBCoFD, San Bernardino City News Group

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On 7/27/2019 at 9:29 PM **San Bernardino County Fire** crews were dispatched to a reported residential structure fire in the 1100 block of North L Street in the City of San Bernardino. Battalion 127 & ME222 arrived on scene within 4 minutes of dispatch to find a detached garage, vehicle & trees well involved in fire. Crews initiated an aggressive fire attack finding a well developed fire with direct exposures to a nearby home, trees and vegetation. Due to the fires' involvement & the exposures, a second alarm was quickly struck to bring much needed resources to the scene.

While crews set up for fire attack and exposure defense, they found a nearby field had caught fire from the fire's embers. Battalion 127, who had taken "L Street IC" (Incident Command) re-routed nearby resources to mitigate the vegetation fire. Ultimately the fire was knocked down in approximately 20 minutes. Crews remained on scene for multiple hours working on overhaul & investigation. Due to the quick response of resources, the fire only damaged the detached garage, a vehicle & 1/4 acre of nearby vegetation. The initial alarm (5 Engines, 1 Truck, 1 Battalion Chief) all arrived on scene within 10 minutes of the initial call which helped bring adequate crews for the firefight, minimizing the fire's spread.

#SBCoFD responded (12) Engines, 2 Truck Companies, (2) Battalion Chiefs, (1) Rescue & (1) Fire Investigator. Colton Fire assisted with (1) Medic Engine. While #SBCoFD Crews were committed to the call, move-up apparatus from #SBCoFD stations were moved in to San Bernardino to ensure there was no interruption in service. No injuries to fire crews or civilians were reported. Loss estimates weren't available at the time of the release. The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation by #SBCoFD Office of the Fire Marshall Investigators.

<http://grandterrace.citynewsgroup.com/>

Fire Department stops the spread of a small vegetation fire in Fontana on July 29

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department stopped the spread of a small vegetation fire in Fontana on July 29.

The fire erupted in the 13700 block of Valley Boulevard and involved a large strand of eucalyptus trees and brush. Smoke could be seen from the Interstate 10 Freeway.

Fire crews rushed to the scene and stopped the forward rate of spread at one acre, the Fire Department said on Twitter. There was no damage to a nearby structure, and no injuries were reported.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-department-stops-the-spread-of-a-small-vegetation-fire/article_a0a17f94-b24d-11e9-80df-3fa7f61a6069.html

Star Fire In Chino Hills Blamed On Large Bird Flying Into Power Pole; Crews Near Full Containment

Staff Reporter, CBS 2/KCAL 9 News

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CHINO HILLS (CBSLA) — Firefighters say a big bird is to blame for starting the massive Star Fire that caused major damage to a multi-million dollar home in Chino Hills.

The 156-acre Star Fire apparently started after a “large bird” made contact with power lines Sunday, according to Chino Valley Fire officials. After striking the pole, the bird caught fire and fell to the ground, igniting dry brush in the area, officials said.

Fire officials along with SoCal Edison reps determined a transformer was not involved as originally reported.

The fire was 80 percent contained as of Monday morning. Chino Avenue remains closed from Chino Hills Parkway to Box Springs Road.

Three firefighters suffered bee stings during the firefight. Two were treated on the scene, and one was taken to a hospital.

The fire erupted at about 2 p.m. Sunday in a rugged area near Falling Star Lane and Chino Hills Parkway, Chino Valley fire officials said.

Fire officials on Monday confirmed that a momentary drop in water pressure Sunday, due to the combination of firefighters tapping into the water supply alongside homeowners who also took up garden hoses to try and protect their homes.

“We immediately contacted the water department and asked them to up the water pressure, which they did, and we were quickly able to resume operations at 100 percent,” Chino Valley Fire spokeswoman Massiel Ladron De Guevara said.

At the height of the brush fire, about 180 firefighters, four helicopters and four fixed-wing aircraft from Chino Valley, **San Bernardino County**, Los Angeles County and CalFire were battling the blaze.

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2019/07/29/star-fire-chino-hills-update-firefighters-bee-stings/>