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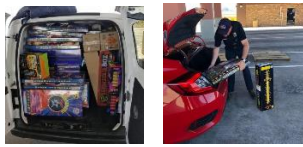
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COUNTY SEIZES MORE THAN 60,000 POUNDS OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

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County fire investigators seized more than 60,000 pounds of illegal fireworks that were being brought into the county over three weekends. The Fireworks Interdiction Task Force also issued 73 citations resulting in \$91,250 in fines. A fine of \$1,250 is the penalty for a first offense and includes the possibility of arrest. All confiscated fireworks are turned over to the State Fire Marshal's Office for destruction. Under California law, all fireworks that explode, shoot into the air, or move along the ground are considered dangerous and are illegal to possess without a permit. That includes firecrackers, skyrockets, roman candles, mortars and "chasers" that dart along the ground, and safe and sane fireworks that have been modified.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, on a typical 4th of July, fireworks cause more fires in the U.S. 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.

"The San Bernardino County Fire Department will remain vigilant each and every year to protect our communities from the risks associated with dangerous fireworks," Fire Marshal Mike Horton said. "With San Bernardino County facing another dangerous wildland fire season, San Bernardino County Fire will remain vigilant in protecting public health and safety. We want to thank the public for helping us stop those that would attempt to smuggle these dangerous explosives into the county. If you see something, say something. Call the We-Tip Hotline at 800-47-ARSON (800-472-7766) or visit WeTip.com."

<http://z1077fm.com/county-seizes-more-than-60000-pounds-of-illegal-fireworks/>

Fireworks Interdiction Task Force confiscates 60,000 pounds illegal/dangerous fireworks

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Investigators from **San Bernardino County Fire**, Colton and Rancho Cucamonga Fire Departments teamed up to stop dangerous and illegal fireworks from entering the county. Throughout the month of June, investigators targeted key entry points into the county, specifically I-15 from Nevada, conducting vehicle checks and searching out illegal fireworks.

The Fireworks Interdiction Task Force was successful in confiscating over 60,000 pounds of dangerous and illegal fireworks over three weekends of fireworks interdiction operations. The task force issued 73 citations resulting in \$91,250 in fines, with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest.

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Local charities come together for earthquake recovery

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Volunteers unload a truck of food at the Christian Fellowship of Trona on Tuesday. Several High Desert charities cooperated to bring five truckloads of food and supplies to help those affected by the recent earthquakes. [James Quigg, Daily Press]

TRONA — As this unincorporated town in San Bernardino County moves from earthquake disaster to recovery mode, a group of High Desert and Victor Valley charities worked together to deliver five truckloads of supplies to a church here on Tuesday.

Lissette Angulo and Basil Kimbrew, both of Victorville, teamed with Darren Fikstad of Desert Manna in Barstow and Lisa Graham-Anderson and Joshua Graham of Swapping Mamas Clothing Swap/Closet charity in Adelanto, to deliver food, water, toiletries and other necessities to the Christian Fellowship of Trona.

Volunteers filled the church with donations and provided assistance for townspeople ravaged by the two largest magnitude earthquakes to hit Southern California in 20 years.

“We don’t want to leave anyone behind,” Angulo told a group of volunteers at the church. “We won’t leave our neighbors behind.”

The cooperative effort began with Angulo, who several years ago, helped organize aid for Houston after Hurricane Harvey. “If we can help Houston, we need to help our neighbors,” Angulo said.

Angulo and Kimbrew reached out to Desert Manna, which offered a 25-foot refrigerated truck, full of food.

“We did this on two days notice,” said Fikstad, as volunteers emptied a truck of fresh produce, drinks and snacks. “We tried to bring the types of things that people can just open and eat.”

“This is heartwarming,” said Julia Doss of the Christian Fellowship. “We’re not turning any donations away.”

A board posted in the hall at the Christian Fellowship building listed items that were needed, such as first aid kits, Band-Aids, bleach, rubbing alcohol, peroxide, dog and cat food, charcoal, even denture adhesive.

Although electricity had been restored to the town by Tuesday, running water had not.

“These people have been amazing. I wish we had a government like them,” said Stephanie Smith, a two-year resident of Trona.

Smith and her husband were looking for help when they found the church listed on the Facebook group “Trona Cares.”

“I’m not a Christian, but good work is good work,” said Dwayne Smith, Stephanie’s husband.

San Bernardino County has provided shower trailers for residents. More than 12 showers and free water is now available at Trona High School, just down the street from the Christian Fellowship.

The County library’s Trona branch is also listed as a cooling center, with portable restrooms.

Tracey Martinez, spokeswoman for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, reported Tuesday that 270 homes were damaged by recent earthquakes.

She added five to 10 homes could be red tagged, or deemed unfit for occupancy.

San Bernardino County will open a local assistance center at Trona High School on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A dozen county agencies will be providing services at the center, including public health, veterans services, behavior health and land use services. The center will remain open daily until further notice, according to a county statement.

Southern California Edison and faith-based organizations will be there also.

An earthquake town hall is scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the high school. Assemblyman Jay Obernolte and 1st District Supervisor Robert Lovingood will join representatives from local and state agencies to talk about recovery efforts and what’s next for the community.

Trona High School is located at 83600 Trona Road, Trona.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190709/local-charities-come-together-for-earthquake-recovery>

Town hall at Trona High School set for Wednesday

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Portable showers have been delivered to Trona for residents to use. – Courtesy of San Bernardino County

Residents of Trona and Windy Acres area will have a chance to hear updates and voice concerns during a town hall meeting in Trona on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at Trona High School, 83600 Trona Road.

Elected officials and service experts from San Bernardino County, federal and state governments, and local utilities will discuss the status of response and recovery efforts related to the July 4 and 5 earthquakes.

Participants at the town hall meeting will include the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, San Bernardino County Public Health and San Bernardino County Public Works, among other agencies. In addition, State Sen. Shannon Grove, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Curt Hagman, First District Supervisor Robert Lovingood, Sheriff John McMahon and Assemblyman Jay Obernolte.

The speakers will address the status of recovery efforts to those communities affected by the earthquakes and services to residents. Residents will have an opportunity to speak and ask questions publicly and privately following the meeting.

Trona was especially hard hit during the 6.4 magnitude and 7.1 magnitude earthquakes that occurred Thursday morning and Friday evening. More than 40 homes were damaged, water service disrupted and people displaced. Searles Valley Minerals, the town's major employer, was reported to have shut down due to the earthquakes, though no updates have been provided.

In addition, San Bernardino County Fire Department Assessment team had to red tag The Old Guest House and the Searles Domestic Water Company on Tuesday due to continuous ground shifting from continued seismic activity.

Due to the damage caused by the earthquakes, President Donald Trump declared an emergency for the state of California and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts.

This follows a declaration of emergency signed by San Bernardino County on Saturday.

In the intervening time, several relief efforts were deployed to the Trona area, with Trona High School as a local distribution point.

Portable SHOWERS were made available starting on Tuesday at Trona High School, 83600 Trona Road. Medical services will be offered starting today at the high school as well.

Five portable restrooms will be set up at the County Public Works Yard, 8031 Trona Road.

The Commodities Point of Distribution (CPOD) is at Trona High School. In addition, a Local Assistance Center (LAC) at Trona High School will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The LAC is a one-stop location to access supportive services for residents affected by the earthquakes. Resources are provided free of charge.

The Community Crisis Response Team will continue to provide mental health services through Friday.

Stray animals are being taken to Ridgecrest Animal Shelter located at 411 San Bernardino Blvd.

Mass care and shelter needs are being coordinated with State, Kern County, San Bernardino County, and the Red Cross.

A boil water notice for Westend, South Trona, Argus, and Trona Village remains in effect through the weekend.

Trona County Library will open as a COOLING CENTER from 10 am. to 6 p.m. through Thursday, July 18. Portable restrooms will also be available outside the Library, 82805 Mountain View Street.

<https://www.ridgecrestca.com/news/20190709/town-hall-at-trona-high-school-set-for-wednesday>