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Three people died Wednesday, Aug. 23, in a Bloomington home in the 17900 block of Santa Ana Avenue. Photo by Beatriz E. Valenzuela, Staff

Three people, including a child, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, following a structure fire in Bloomington, according to initial reports.

The fire was reported just after 7:30 a.m. in the 17900 block of Santa Ana Avenue near Locust Avenue— less than a block from Bloomington High School, according to **San Bernardino County Fire Department** spokesman Eric Sherwin.

He said arriving units were advised by neighbors that there may still be people inside the home.

They entered the home and found one man suffering injuries. As they continued to search, they found one adult deceased and one child deceased, Sherwin said.

Sherwin said that the one of three people who died had been taken to the hospital. He did not say whether that was the man firefighters initially found inside the home.

The Office of the Fire Marshal and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department bomb and arson detail were at the scene of the fire, Sherwin said. It wasn't known Wednesday morning what may have sparked the blaze.

The California Highway Patrol had been requested to close off both sides of Santa Ana Avenue around the fire.

Traffic is spilling over into Slover Avenue a block north as people who usually take Santa Ana are forced to take a new route.

Several kids on their way to school have had to go around the crime scene tape.

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Bloomington House Fire That Left 3 Dead, Including Child, Being Investigated as Crime

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Investigators respond to a triple-fatal house fire in Bloomington on Aug. 23, 2017. (Credit: KTLA)

Two adults and a child were killed in a fire at a home in Bloomington on Wednesday morning, and investigators are treating it as a crime scene, authorities said.

The blaze was reported shortly after 7:30 a.m. in the 17900 block of Santa Ana Avenue, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

One adult was found shortly after firefighters got to the single-story, single-family home, according to Eric Sherwin with the Fire Department. The adult was rescued and taken to a hospital, but died en route.

Another adult and the child, who was between 5 and 10 years old, were found deceased inside the home, Sherwin said.

The Sheriff's Department Arson/Bomb Detail and Fire Department arson investigators are at the "crime scene," Sherwin said.

Neighbors initially told first responders that there were two children inside the home, but that turned out to be incorrect, he said.

The home that burned is a block from Bloomington High School. Aerial video from Sky5 showed two holes were cut into the roof of the home during the firefight.

Check back for updates on this developing story.

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Rave task force presents 38 recommendations for safety, nuisances at Glen Helen

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Nocturnal Wonderland at San Manuel Amphitheater in Devore, Calif. on Saturday, September 5, 2015. (Photo by Watchara Phomicinda/ Los Angeles News Group)

SAN BERNARDINO >> A task force designed to study ways to reduce the dangers and nuisances of raves at Glen Helen Amphitheater presented its 38 recommendations Tuesday to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Devore residents have complained for years about massive traffic back-up, loud noises lasting well past midnight and other issues, leading the board to create the task force in September 2016.

Progress has been made on a few fronts, but the task force recommendations don't go far enough, according to residents.

"One event in late June caused injuries to three horses," said Noretta Barker, who lives near the amphitheater and rescues animals. "The crowd was shooting off aerial fireworks in the parking lot. ... I needed a veterinarian to come in that night. However, the traffic gridlock prohibited that from happening. I was under so much stress that I should have gone to the emergency room; however, I could not get out and no one could get in."

While they want a ban on raves, the residents focused their energy on an 11 p.m. finish to the raves. One recent rave ended at that time, but the contract allows LiveNation to hold up to four raves per year with a 2 a.m. finish

"(11 p.m.) was the original promise made to our community," said Supervisor Janice Rutherford, who represents the area affected by the festivals. "I've asked before, as the community is asking passionately today. We have actual experience of what it's like when it ends at 11, when the board keeps its promise, versus when it ends later. We have residents here saying it's better when it ends at 11."

Rutherford made a motion to direct staff to insist on an 11 p.m. end time for any future events, after the current contract ends in June 2018. No other supervisor supported it.

"To tie the hands of future board members, I'm not going to support that," said Supervisor Curt Hagman.

The board voted 4-1 to receive and file the recommendation, with Supervisor James Ramos voting no because he said it didn't sufficiently address what he sees as the main concern: the safety of rave attendees.

"I am not so much in favor of the task force recommendations because we have not addressed the issue of the bodily harm that plagues these concerts," Ramos said. "You see one ambulance take someone to the hospital. You see two ambulances take someone to the hospital. When is enough to cancel that concert? Is it the first, the second, or someone losing their life?"

"When other jurisdictions start to cancel them and push them our way, I think we need to look at the breaking point for us," Ramos continued.

The amphitheater became San Bernardino County's home base for electronic dance music in 2013 after a clash between the event's promoter and San Bernardino officials over noise, drug use and sales and other illegal activity forced the promoter to move from the National Orange Show Events Center to the county-owned amphitheater in Devore.

Since then, two men have died from overdoses of Ecstasy, which they ingested while attending dance festivals at the venue, then known as the San Manuel Amphitheater, according to coroner investigation reports.

The task force includes representatives from county organizations including the county administrative office, Department of Public Health, Regional Parks Department, and police and fire departments.

Their safety-related recommendations include completing a plan that addresses safety, security and threats; frequently collecting trash to lower fire danger; consider increased food and beverage vendors to minimize crowd densities.

They also advise traffic management plans for individual festivals, considering automated identification systems at all entrances and prohibiting alcohol in the parking lot at special events, and requiring attendees be at least 18 years old.

The next electronic dance music festival is planned for Sept. 15-17, according to county Deputy Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez.

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