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## Vehicle fire on southbound I-15 causing Monday morning traffic

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(photo by Lala Rivera)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A Monday morning vehicle fire on the southbound I-15 freeway in Hesperia is creating additional traffic for motorists heading down the Cajon Pass.

At about 6:30 AM on August 10, 2020, **San Bernardino County Firefighters** responded and located the four-door sedan fully engulfed on the right shoulder, near the Joshua Street exit.

A witness told VVNG the car blew up causing a massive ball of flames and a mushroom cloud. The force caused the roof of the vehicle to lift up.

The no. 3 lane was closed temporarily shut down to put out the fire and tow the vehicle from the scene.

The occupants of the vehicle made it out safely and no injuries were reported.

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## Woman airlifted from crash on Sheep Creek and El Mirage Roads Saturday night

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ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Several people were injured in a T-bone crash at the intersection of Sheep Creek near El Mirage Roads Saturday night.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, the traffic accident was reported at about 9:30 PM on August 8th and involved a silver Chevy Tahoe and a silver Ford F-150.

**San Bernardino County Firefighters** responded and located the Tahoe with major damage to the passenger side and used extrication tools to remove a young child. A female adult sitting in the front passenger was critically injured and a helicopter was requested to airlift her to a trauma center.

A CHP helicopter H-80 landed in the roadway and subsequently flew the injured woman to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Jessica Christopherson was on her way home from work when she drove up to the accident and heard children inside the SUV screaming and pulled over to call 911. Jessica said the little girl's leg was pinned but when firefighters removed her from the vehicle she only had some scrapes.

According to Jessica, the dad in the Tahoe was okay and another little girl was shaken up and all three were taken by ground ambulance to LLUMC. The driver of the pickup truck sustained a gash to the back of his head.

Jessica told VVNG she's almost been involved in several accidents on El Mirage Road due to people speeding and would like to see at least a 3-way stop sign instead of just one.

The California Highway Patrol Victorville Station is handling the investigation into the cause of the crash.

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## MORONGO VALLEY APPLE FIRE BRIEFING DREW NEARLY 300 PEOPLE FRIDAY NIGHT

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Firefighters held another informational briefing about the Apple fire Friday evening in Morongo Valley, drawing a crowd of nearly 300 people, including representatives from the **County Fire** Department, CalFire, the County Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Forest Service to name a few. During the briefing, Operations Section Chief Pat Russel gave an overview of the current containment of the fire, saying that fire crews were successfully able to hold the fire in Millard Canyon approximately 10 miles away from Morongo Valley through coordinated firing operations. With efforts to contain the fire proving successful, Chief Russel was optimistic about fully containing the fire.

"Very Successful day today, very successful day tomorrow. The fire is looking much better and it's sitting right where we want it with where the fire was when we got here."

Morongo Valley, Pioneertown and Rimrock residents will remain under the current evacuation warning until further notice. CalFire Riverside unit Chief Todd Hopkins said this is out of an abundance of caution.

"Even though we are looking really good...we need you to be prepared just in case something were to happen and it [the fire] gets out here in the grasses and starts a run towards your community."

According to Nickie Johnny of the Incident Management Team 2, the Apple fire is currently the number 1 priority fire in the state of California with more than 2,600 people working to put it out. A link to the full Morongo Valley briefing video is available below.

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