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# EARTHQUAKES AND FLOODING AND CRASHES OH MY!....WHAT A MONDAY!

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News

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A triple punch for the Morongo Basin yesterday, first, at 9:26 am, a magnitude 4.2 earthquake, centered 10 miles south of Twentynine Palms in Joshua Tree National Park rattled our nerves but caused no damage or injuries. Then, at about 2:30 p.m., a monsoon swept through Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms Monday afternoon causing flash flooding and shutting down Highway 62 for hours.

Just before 3 p.m., a 4-car crash on the highway at Indian Cove sent four people to the hospital. One person was taken to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, one to Hi-Desert Medical Center. Because Morongo Basin Ambulance couldn't get an additional ambulance to the scene, due to the road conditions, an ambulance from the Combat Center took a third victim to the base hospital for treatment. A fourth victim was also transported. The Sheriff's Department identified the four people involved as: Lindsay Darst, Brooke Campbell and Patricia Silva of Twentynine Palms and Anthony Bowers, of Joshua Tree. All the victims were treated and released. The collision occurred between a Land Rover, Chevy Cruze, Volvo XC90, and a Volkswagen Jetta. All lanes going east and westbound were closed for approximately one hour, due to the investigation and debris.

Lanes in both directions on Highway 62 were closed for hours from Whitefeather Road in Joshua Tree to Midway Road in Twentynine Palms due to the flooding, which washed large rocks and debris onto the highway. Many residents reported flooding on other roads in the area, and the Indian Cove area of Twentynine Palms had hail and high winds. The Indian Cove area recorded 1.12 inches of rain.

A Wonder Valley family is homeless after a fire destroyed their home early this morning. Just after 2 a.m., firefighters from Twentynine Palms, Wonder Valley, Joshua Tree, and the Combat Center were called to the 3200 block of Godwin Road for a structure fire. The house was fully involved with flames and smoke when firefighters arrived. The residents of the home were outside waiting when firefighters arrived. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said the fire started outside on the patio and worked its way inside the home. Firefighters made an aggressive attack on the fire, and worked to salvage personal affects inside the home. Due to no local fire hydrants, crews used water tenders to supply water to the fire. There were no injuries. The cause is under investigation.

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

## Authorities find body in tree near medical center in Fontana

Mike Myers, Fontana Herald News

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Personnel from the San Bernardino County Fire Department and the Fontana Police Department investigate after a body was found in a tree in northern Fontana. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

Authorities were investigating after a deceased person was found in a tree in northern Fontana on July 22.

The body was discovered in the rear parking lot of Sierra San Antonio Medical Plaza at 16465 Sierra Lakes Parkway at about 3:30 p.m.

After authorities were notified, personnel from the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and the Fontana Police Department arrived at the scene and began their investigation.

No other information was immediately available.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/authorities-find-body-in-tree-near-medical-center-in-fontana/article\\_2abce20c-ad5a-11e9-a6c8-4f68a97f023b.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/authorities-find-body-in-tree-near-medical-center-in-fontana/article_2abce20c-ad5a-11e9-a6c8-4f68a97f023b.html)

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## Fontana Police Investigating After Dead Body Found in Tree

Steve Ganey, KTLA 5 News

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Fontana police are investigating after a dead body was found in the branches of a tree on Monday.

Around 3:30 p.m., a woman arriving to an appointment at the San Antonio Community Clinic, in the 16400 block of Sierra Lakes Parkway, calling police saying she had seen a body in the tree branches, according to Daniel Romero with the Fontana Police Department.

Fontana police and **San Bernardino County Fire** paramedics arrived and confirmed there was a deceased person in a tree.

Investigators are on scene to conduct the investigation.

Details on the victim's identity or cause of death are not yet available.

<https://ktla.com/2019/07/22/fontana-police-investigating-after-dead-body-found-in-tree/>

## San Bernardino County Helmet Cam

Staff Writer, Firefighter Nation

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(San Bernardino Co FFs)

**San Bernardino Co FFs - Incident Video Release:** On Wednesday, June 12th at 7:03AM while returning from a call ME41 reported a column of smoke in the area of Deer Trail and Sunny Slope Road in Division 4, Yucca Valley.

Shortly after, multiple reports were received of a structure fire in Apache mobile home park. ME41 arrived on scene to find a single wide mobile home fully involved with exposures to the delta side. Firefighters encountered heavy smoke and fire conditions.

Making a defensive attack the fire was ultimately declared under control in twenty minutes.

3 Medic Engines, 1 Medic Ambulance, 1 Investigator, and one Battalion Chief for a total of 13 personnel were on scene with no injuries to suppression personnel.

No civilians were reported to be injured in the fire.

<https://www.firefighternation.com/articles/2019/07/san-bernardino-county-helmet-cam.html>

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## Many projects are planned in Fontana in upcoming years, including new fire station and lots of road work

Russell Ingold, Fontana Herald News

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Firefighters from the Fontana Fire Protection District gather for a photo. A new fire station is planned in northern Fontana and is scheduled to be completed in 2022. (Contributed photo by City of Fontana)

Ken Hunt is no longer the city manager, but his legacy will live on through many projects that the City of Fontana has planned for the upcoming years, including a new fire station and millions of dollars worth of road work.

"We will continue to keep moving forward in Fontana," said Mayor Acquanetta Warren, after announcing that Hunt had retired this past week.

As part of the new budget that was approved by the City Council in June, the city document created by Hunt provided details on 126 projects that are scheduled through the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 through 2025-26 at a total cost of \$551.1 million.

This year's budget includes \$14.01 million for some of those new and ongoing projects, including:

- Fire Station 81 (the eighth one in the city) will be built at Sierra Avenue and Casa Grande Avenue at the northern end of the city limits. The budget will set aside \$500,000 for the design and environmental phases for the station, beginning this December. Construction is expected to start in July of 2021, with an estimated completion date of December of 2022. When finished, the \$7.9 million station will allow the response time for this northern area of Fontana to be reduced to less than 5 minutes.
- Pavement rehabilitation -- The budget funds \$8.41 million from various funds, including \$3.51 million from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act of 2017 (the gasoline tax increase), for street overlay and rehabilitation and construction of new and replacement sidewalks, curbs and gutters.
- Permitting system replacement -- The budget funds \$900,000 from the Capital Reinvestment Fund to replace an outdated version that is placing an undue burden on staff as well as processing delays for the public.
- Fire Station 78 flashing beacon and traffic signal -- The budget funds \$600,000 from various funds for the installation of a decorative traffic signal and a flashing beacon in front of Fire Station 78, which is located at the intersection of Citrus and Chase avenues. The completion of this project will assist with increased traffic volume from the ongoing development east of the intersection.
- Street and sidewalk installation/rehabilitation -- The budget funds \$400,000 from the Capital Reinvestment Fund to install missing curb, gutter and sidewalks in the city to increase mobility and improve foot traffic.
- Alder, Locust and Ramona sidewalks and traffic signs -- The budget funds \$348,000 from the Future Capital Projects Fund to begin a project to install additional sidewalk and bicycle infrastructure for multiple schools in the area.
- South Fontana Sports Park -- The budget funds an additional \$300,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund toward the construction of this 17-acre park with four lighted artificial turf fields for football and soccer use.
- Hardware replacement program -- The budget funds \$1.40 million from the City Technology Fund and \$0.35 million from the Federal Asset Seizure Fund to replace computers, servers, network equipment, etc. throughout the city as needed on an ongoing basis.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/many-projects-are-planned-in-fontana-in-upcoming-years-including/article\\_a7b7868a-a973-11e9-91b7-d79fafe4faa8.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/many-projects-are-planned-in-fontana-in-upcoming-years-including/article_a7b7868a-a973-11e9-91b7-d79fafe4faa8.html)