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San Bernardino brush fire burns 5 acres at the edge of national forest

Eric Licas, Orange County Register

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Firefighters quickly extinguished a brush fire that burned about five acres in San Bernardino, near Borea Canyon, on Sunday evening, June 2.

Multiple callers initially reported seeing the fire near the intersection of Del Rosa Avenue and East Date Street, near the 210 Freeway, at about 6:31 p.m., **San Bernardino County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said. Responding firefighters located smoke further north and found about one acre burning along a hill near Daley Canyon Road and Chiquita Lane.

The fire did not endanger any homes or structures. However, it was near enough fuel to potentially burn as much as 100 acres on the edge of the San Bernardino National Forest, McClintock said.

“It was definitely a close call,” he said.”The June gloom helped us out this time. Thankfully, we had mild conditions.”

Crews used hoses to suppress the flames and limit their spread to five acres, and the fire was mostly extinguished by 7:15 p.m., McClintock said, but teams remained in the area as late as 9:45 p.m. to monitor for hot spots. Firefighters from Cal Fire, the San Bernardino National Forest and the San Manuel Fire Department assisted in putting out the blaze.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

The fire happened hours before orders restricting residential outdoor burning took effect throughout San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Cal Fire officials said an abundance of dried vegetation will create circumstances ripe for wildfires in the coming months, and officials are asking residents to take extra precautions.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/06/02/san-bernardino-brush-fire-burns-5-acres-at-the-edge-of-national-forest/>

One person is injured in collision in northern Fontana

Mike Myers, Fontana Herald News

Posted: June 1, 2019



This car was involved in a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Baseline and Almeria avenues in Fontana on May 31. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

The Fontana Police Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to a late-night accident involving two vehicles in the northern part of Fontana on May 31.

The Fontana P.D. is investigating if alcohol was involved when a black Chevy Cruze was broadsided by a gray Nissan Sentra in the intersection at Almeria Avenue and Baseline Avenue.

According to a Fontana P.D. officer, at about 11:20 p.m., the driver of the Cruze was southbound on Almeria and was making a left turn onto Baseline. The driver of the Sentra was eastbound on Baseline and broadsided the Cruze, sending it into a power pole.

One person was treated by emergency medical responders and transported to a hospital with unknown types of injuries.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/one-person-is-injured-in-collision-in-northern-fontana/article_be01d6cc-84a0-11e9-8651-d38017882d92.html

2 killed in head-on crash on El Mirage Road, 3 others critical

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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El Mirage, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Two people were killed and several others were injured following a head-on crash Friday night 1 ½ mile west of Sheep Creek Road.

At 9:47 p.m., personnel from the California Highway Patrol, **San Bernardino County Fire**, and AMR responded to the crash on El Mirage Road in front of the El Mirage Liquor Market & Gas store.

When emergency crews arrived they located a red car and a white car with major front-end damage. Two people from the white car were pronounced deceased on scene.

Three people from the red car sustained critical injuries and a fourth passenger only minor injuries.

El Mirage Road was shut down in both directions as Mercy Air and H82 helicopters landed. One person was flown to Antelope Valley Hospital and another person was flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

The third critically injured person was taken by ground ambulance to Antelope Valley Hospital, as well as the person with minor injuries.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

The name of those deceased will be provided once next-of-kin has been notified.

<https://www.vvng.com/2-killed-in-head-on-crash-on-el-mirage-road-3-others-critical/>

Crash shuts down 15 Freeway Saturday afternoon in Hesperia

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A two vehicle crash was reported at 4:07 pm Saturday on I-15 that shut down the freeway.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, a silver Chevy Impala and a black Chevy Suburban collided on the northbound Interstate 15 just south of Bear Valley Road.

San Bernardino County Fire responded and found the crash on the right-hand shoulder blocking the #3 lane.

The Chevy Impala was facing the wrong direction.

CHP officials shut the freeway down for an investigation and cleanup.

This is a developing story. Check back for updates.

<https://www.vvng.com/crash-shuts-down-15-freeway-saturday-afternoon-in-hesperia/>

VEGETATION FIRE IN YUCCA MESA FRIDAY MORNING

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News

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A Yucca Mesa resident burning weeds in the back yard found that the blaze quickly spread and firefighters were needed to contain the blaze. About 10:15, firefighters from Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, and Joshua Tree were called to the 3500 block of Lucerne Vista for a vegetation fire. Crews arrived and found a blaze burning an approximate spot of 50 by 50 feet behind the home. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said that while there was only a slight breeze, the fact that the blaze spread so quickly and so readily highlights the fact that even with just a small breeze, a grass fire will spread very easily.

Residents who wish to burn must first obtain a fire permit from their local fire stations, but McClintock cautions residents that the county fire marshal has suspended all burn permits in the county, to include in Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms as of 6 a.m. June 1. For more information, contact your local fire station.

Covered barbecues as well as recreational fires fueled solely by natural gas or propane are exempt from this suspension. Cooking fires of any type are permissible under permit only when NO alternate means of cooking are available. Open fires conducted in the course of filming, public fireworks displays, or ceremonial events are exempt if properly permitted and conducted by a licensed professional, or other responsible person, when the attending fire department Fire Safety Officer determines that local climactic conditions are safe.

Residential burning of trash, yard clippings and tree trimmings are ALWAYS prohibited in the Mountain and Valley areas, regardless of conditions. Regardless of location or permit conditions, ALL open fires (except for fires fueled solely by natural gas or propane) must be extinguished during Red Flag or Fire Weather Watch Conditions, when local winds exceed 10 miles per hour or when directed by Fire Department personnel.

Please check with CalFire within State Responsibility Areas, the United States Forest Service (USFS) within the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, or the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within outlying desert regions for additional restrictions and permitting requirements. Unlawful fires may result in administrative or legal action against the person kindling the fire and/or the owner of the property on which the fire occurs.

<http://z1077fm.com/vegetation-fire-in-yucca-mesa-friday-morning/>

Victorville budget has \$1.8 million surplus

Martin Estacio, Daily Press

Posted: June 2, 2019

VICTORVILLE — The city's general fund will likely see a \$1.8 million surplus and city employees' wages increased, according to city manager Keith Metzler.

The findings were presented during a workshop held on May 14 for city staff and the council to plan the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Based on projected estimates, Metzler said \$1 million of the surplus would come from Victorville Municipal Utilities Services' repayment of a loan.

VMUS provides electrical service for commercial and industrial customers at Foxborough Industrial Park and Southern California Logistics Airport.

According to Metzler, \$17.8 million was taken from the general fund to loan to VMUS for start-up costs.

City staff recommended the \$1 million be used to bolster reserve funds.

The remaining \$800,000 would be budgeted for projects at the discretion of the city council.

City employees will also likely see a 10% bump in their paychecks if an end to a furlough is approved.

The decision would increase certain employees work hours from 36 to 40 hours per week. It is unknown whether this would mean city hall would be open on Fridays.

Metzler said he would base his recommendation on both employee feedback and on what would provide the “best customer experience.”

Other items of note at the budget meeting included:

The city is expected to increase revenues from SCLA by leasing 100% of its available buildings space. Fiscal year 2018-2019 saw an occupancy rate of almost 90%.

SCLA already leases to such companies as Boeing, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, and Virgin Orbit.

The projected budget for the resurrected Victorville Fire Department is about \$600,000 less than it was when the city contracted with **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, according to Deputy City Manager George Harris II.

Harris said the fire department budget includes \$750,000 for capital expenditures/improvements that was not available under county. Two Type-1 fire engines are being built for the department and two existing engines will be refurbished.

The budget for law enforcement, which has increased steadily over the past couple years, will continue the same pattern. The city’s upcoming contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department already includes a 2% increase related to vehicles, maintenance and fuel.

Metzler said he expects it will go up further after negotiations between the County and the Sheriff’s union — which is advocating for wage increases — are finished.

“We’ve padded (the budget) by \$500,000 to have some kind of cushion to absorb anticipated increase,” he said.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190602/victorville-budget-has-18-million-surplus>