

Woman's body found after house fire in Joshua Tree

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JOSHUA TREE — A house fire in Joshua Tree claimed the lives of a woman and three pets Friday afternoon in the 60700 block of La Mirada Avenue.

The fire was reported at 1 p.m., and as **San Bernardino County Fire** Department crews were on the way, they were advised that a victim might be trapped inside the house, according to a news release.

Engines from Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms responded with 15 people. Joshua Tree firefighters arrived first.

"When we got on scene, the house had heavy smoke and flames in the main part of the house. The guys from Joshua Tree made an aggressive attack while doing the primary search for victims," Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle explained.

Firefighters got the flames under control in about 18 minutes.

The woman was found during a secondary search of the house, where a crew looks for all places a victim could possibly be.

Firefighters also found the bodies of two cats and a dog.

The county sheriff's department is investigating to confirm who the woman was and the cause of her death. <u>http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_300db5de-1b38-11e8-aa81-2316c4d095a3.html</u>

Highway 138 closed between Beekley Rd and I-15

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PHELAN, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Slick roadways and snow have prompted authorities to shut down Highway 138 after multiple collisions were reported.

According to Caltrans District 8, SR-138 is closed between Beekley Road and I-15 A SIG ALERT was issued at 6:47 a.m.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, multiple spin out crashes, an overturned semi, and motorist that are stuck in the roadway prompting officials to shut down the highway.

At about 7:00 am, **San Bernardino County Fire** requested a medical helicopter to airlift a patient critically injured in a crash on Highway 138. Details on the incident were not immediately available.

There are reports of black ice on SR-138 in the Phelan area and CHP Officials are advising to avoid the area until the roadway is reopened.

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