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(photo by Colin Opseth)

UPDATE @ 9:00 AM — Hesperia Sheriff's station spokeswoman Jackie Chambers confirmed this is a fatal hit-and-run traffic collision via email. According to Chambers, officers are currently out with the suspect vehicle and are searching for the driver who fled the scene.

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A stretch of Main Street is closed after a pedestrian was struck and killed by a vehicle early Tuesday morning.

At about 7:45 am, firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to the scene and located a pedestrian down in the roadway on the north side of Main Street.

The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene and a sheet was placed over the body.

Hesperia Sheriff's Department tweeted that east and westbound Main Street between 11th Avenue and Cottonwood Avenue will be closed for an unknown amount of time due to an accident investigation and advised motorists to avoid the area.

Sheriff's officials have not released any details regarding the fatal collision.

The story is developing and information will be updated as it becomes available.

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Firefighters, Paramedics battle winds and two fires yesterday

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Morongo Basin firefighters not only had to battle two fires Monday afternoon, but strong winds as well.

According to **County Fire** Battalion Chief Bryant O'Hara, the first fire was reported at 2:23 p.m. in the 1300 block of Jack Rabbit Trail in the Desert Heights area of Twentynine Palms. Thick black smoke could be seen for miles. O'Hara said the small house was 50 percent involved with flames by the time firefighters arrived and the winds were a significant factor in fanning the blaze. Firefighters made an aggressive defensive attack to keep the flames from spreading to the nearby vegetation. O'Hara said the house is a total loss, but all the occupants got out safely and there were no injuries.

While firefighters were mopping up the fire at the Jack Rabbit Tail address, a second fire was reported at 3:31 p.m. in Yucca Valley. O'Hara said a wooden fence in front of a home in the 7600 block of Deer Trail caught fire. Because Yucca Valley firefighters—along with firefighters from Twentynine Palms, Wonder Valley, and Joshua Tree—were still at the scene of the Twentynine Palms fire, the Medic Ambulance from Yucca Valley was first on the scene at the Deer Trail fire. O'Hara said the crew helped the residents put out the blaze and kept it from spreading to the house. The fire was out by the time Yucca Valley firefighters arrived. There were no injuries.

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Tumbleweed takeover: High winds leave neighborhood overrun

Kevin Trudgeon, Daily Press

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A Victorville Public Works employee clears tumbleweeds from homes along Agave Bay Street on Monday. The residential neighborhood sits at the corner of the open desert and was pounded with the weeds as high winds persisted throughout the day. [James Quigg, Daily Press]

VICTORVILLE — High winds brought unwelcome visitors to one isolated neighborhood here Monday in the form of hundreds and hundred of tumbleweeds.

A mass invasion by the High Desert's infamous rolling hazards besieged a series of home in southwest Victorville that left some residents calling the city and even 911 for help.

“We have received several calls and we're aware of the problems with tumbleweeds there, primarily in Mesa Street area,” Victorville spokeswoman Sue Jones told the Daily Press. “We're not exactly sure how many homes are affected, but we're estimating about 100 to 150 homes in that area.”

Jones said it wasn't the first time that specific neighborhood, which is flanked by Highway 395 to the west, Eucalyptus Street to the north and essentially nothing but open desert to the east and south, had been overrun by the prickly pests.

The entire front of some homes were covered by mountains of tumbleweeds Monday afternoon — with some piled as high as the second story of homes off Agave Bay Street and Canyon Road — as wind gusts of up to 60 mph pummeled the region.

Crews from the city's Public Works, Code Enforcement and Community Services divisions were dispatched to the area to help with the cleanup. Additionally, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department sent a hand crew from Devore to help and Burrtec Waste Industries provided an additional compacting track truck, according to Jones.

"The primary goal is to clear the front of the houses, to remove the tumbleweeds in order to allow residents safe access to their homes," said Jones, who noted that the crews would be working overtime into the evening. "With the winds as strong as they are, as soon as they clear certain areas, more tumbleweeds are blowing right back in."

The crews were collecting the tumbleweeds into trash trucks for "proper removal," according to Jones, who added that any Victorville residents having similar issues are encouraged to call city Code Enforcement at 760-955-5104.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20180416/tumbleweed-takeover-high-winds-leave-neighborhood-overrun>

Firefighters battle blaze at apartment complex in Adelanto Monday night

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(Richee Hernandez)

ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) — **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to an apartment structure fire in Adelanto Monday night.

At about 8:45 pm, fire crews responded to the Raintree Gardens Apartments in the 18100 block of Bellflower Street reference a first-alarm fire at a heavily occupied multi-unit apartment complex in Adelanto.

Upon arrival, firefighters located fire in a storage room stair-well with extension into the roof prompting an offensive attack on the fire.

As a precaution, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies assisted with evacuating residents living in apartments adjacent to the fire.

At about 9:00 pm, firefighters battling the blaze reported the fire had been knocked down in a 10×10 room with extension into the attic. Firewalls on both sides aided firefighters in knocking down the fire, scanner traffic reported.

The utility companies and a SBC Fire investigator have been requested to the scene. No injuries have been reported and the cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Please check back for updates.

<http://www.vvng.com/firefighters-battle-blaze-at-apartment-complex-in-adelanto-monday-night/>

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