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One dead, five injured in Newberry Springs crash

Desert Dispatch

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NEWBERRY SPRINGS — One person died and five others were injured Saturday night in a crash on northbound Interstate 15 near Harvard Road, **San Bernardino County Fire** Capt. Mike McClintock said.

At 10:52 p.m., officials received reports that a silver Buick had struck the center divider. It was unclear if any other vehicles were involved in the crash.

The Marine Corps Logistic Base Barstow Fire Department arrived first to the scene. When County Fire personnel arrived, they found six patients: one person dead, three with significant injuries and two suffering from mild to moderate injuries, according to McClintock.

Officials reported the Buick had sustained heavy damage.

The three severely injured patients were flown by airships to area trauma centers and the two lesser injured were taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital.

Both County Fire and MCLB responded with two engines and Desert Ambulance had multiple ambulances at the scene.

<http://www.desertdispatch.com/news/20161024/one-dead-five-injured-in-newberry-springs-crash>

Apple Valley woman, 61, killed after being struck by car on Navajo Road Friday

Jose Quintero, Daily Press

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APPLE VALLEY — Authorities on Monday said they were unable to release the identity of a 61-year-old woman killed after being struck by a vehicle Friday night because her next-of-kin has not been located.

San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department officials said on Monday that the woman was pronounced dead at the scene after deputies responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian on Navajo Road.

Deputies responded a little before 6:30 p.m. to Navajo Road, just north of Highway 18, and found the woman with multiple “traumatic” injuries, according to the coroner’s report. **San Bernardino County Fire Department** paramedics arrived on scene and pronounced her dead at 6:37 p.m.

The collision was being investigated by the Apple Valley Sheriff’s Station’s Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team. Additional information was not immediately available.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20161024/apple-valley-woman-61-killed-after-being-struck-by-car-on-navajo-road-friday>

Moving on up

Essence Dennis, Hesperia Star

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San Bernardino County Fire Department promoted Captain Eric Spies to the Hesperia area. Spies began his firefighting career in 1999. Photo courtesy of San Bernardino County Fire Department

Hesperia recently bid farewell to one Fire Captain and welcomed another into its fold.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** promoted Captain Eric Spies to the Hesperia area and assigned Captain Matt Nielson, who began his career in Hesperia, to Yucca Valley.

In total, County Fire promoted 11 to the position of captain.

Cpt. Spies began his firefighting career in 1999 as a fire explorer in Phelan and later landed a spot within the department in 2006.

In addition, Cpt. Spies has also held a position on the “County Fire Honor Guard” for the past five years and has served as a labor rep for Local 935 during that timespan.

Cpt. Matt Nielson will start his new assignment at Station 42 in Yucca Valley, continuing a career as a paramedic that began in Hesperia when the county was transitioning in 2003.

<http://www.hesperia.com/news/20161024/moving-on-up>

Redlands Disaster Council members hear response to San Bernardino terror attack

Sandra Emerson, Redlands Daily Facts

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Law enforcement officers investigate the scene on San Bernardino Avenue December 3, 2015, the day after a police gun battle ended with the killing of a couple involved in the mass shooting which killed 14 people at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino.

REDLANDS >> A Redlands police sergeant's belt recorder captured the pursuit and shootout with suspected terrorists nearly a year ago after an attack on a San Bernardino social services office.

The Redlands Disaster Council heard a portion of the recording Monday at a meeting called to review events of the Dec. 2 terrorist attack. Officials involved in the massive law enforcement response to the attack — including Redlands police Commander Chris Catren, Redlands fire Chief Jeff Frazier, Redlands Emergency Operations Manager Fay Glass and **San Bernardino County Emergency Services Officer Carrie Cruz** — briefed the council on the events of that day.

“We were the first officers engaged in the gun fight but the Sheriff's Department, highway patrol, county probation — everybody came to assist us,” said Catren, who played the audio for the group and outlined the role Redlands police played in the aftermath of the attack.

According to Catren, San Bernardino SWAT were at an active shooting training that morning, making it unclear if the active shooter calls coming in over the radio were real.

“A few seconds after that we found out it was really an active shooter,” he said. “A lot of agencies had already responded, which is very good.”

Since the Christopher Dorner manhunt in February 2013, law enforcement agencies tightened up on officers self-assigning to an incident, Catren said, so when San Bernardino responded it did not need Redlands' assistance at the scene, police here stayed back.

Between the morning shooting and afternoon shootout with the suspects, Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik, Redlands police responded to dozens of calls reporting a black sport-utility vehicle, other active shooters and bomb threats in town.

Frazier said Battalion Chief Jim Topoleski ordered barricades to be set up outside the shootout. Redlands fire also assisted outside Farook and Malik's Redlands townhome, where police reported finding bombs, ammunition and bomb-making materials.

“Topoleski did a good job working with Ontario Fire Department bomb squad and actually cleared the explosive devises from the garage,” Frazier said.

After the bombs were discovered in the Redlands townhome, Glass said she activated the Redlands Emergency Operations Center to a Level 1, notified city department directors, put the American Red Cross on standby and made sure Redlands police and fire had what they needed.

Glass also was responsible for seeking cost reimbursement after the City Council declared a local state of emergency. The Dec. 2 response cost the city about \$82,000, of which \$41,000 has been reimbursed through the state. Glass said she’s still trying to recoup more of the city’s costs.

The county Office of Emergency Services helped manage the incident, from setting up command posts, assisting victims and their families to the removal of vehicles from the IRC parking lot.

They are still working the incident nearly one year later, Cruz said.

“It changed us,” she added. “Never before had we had a workplace violence incident merge with a terrorist event. It changed me. I look at people different. I look at my coworkers differently. That’s just the world we live in, unfortunately.”

<http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/general-news/20161025/redlands-disaster-council-members-hear-response-to-san-bernardino-terror-attack>

Man airlifted to trauma center after rollover crash in Hesperia

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One person was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center and another was taken to a local hospital after a single-vehicle rollover in Hesperia on Tuesday afternoon. David Pardo, Daily Press

HESPERIA — One person was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center and another was taken to a local hospital after a single-vehicle rollover in Hesperia on Tuesday afternoon.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel responded to the crash on Sultana Avenue, near Santa Fe Avenue, at approximately 1:40 p.m.

According to scanner traffic, one person suffered immediate injuries and the other had delayed injuries. The man, who is approximately 59 years old according to scanner traffic, was being taken to the Hesperia Airport by a ground ambulance to be airlifted by Mercy Air 7 to the trauma center. The helicopter landed at the airport a little after 2:10 p.m., according to scanner traffic.

Additional information was not immediately available.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20161025/man-airlifted-to-trauma-center-after-rollover-crash-in-hesperia>

Officials warn of post-Pilot and Bluecut fire flood risks

Jose Quintero, Daily Press

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Storm clouds begin to break up over the Angeles National Forest on Monday. The San Bernardino County Fire Department is now warning of increased flood risks for areas that were recently burned in the Pilot and Bluecut fires. James Quigg, Daily Press

Fire officials on Tuesday warned of elevated flood risks to the areas burned in the Pilot and Bluecut fires after the area received its first rainfall since the massive blazes erupted in August.

San Bernardino County Fire Department spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said the areas in the West Cajon Valley and the San Bernardino Mountains, including the Summit Valley, received sizable amounts of rain on Sunday and Monday, but nothing significant enough to create any immediate safety hazards due to flooding.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Brandt Maxwell told the Daily Press that the showers were part of a low-pressure trough that moved through Orange and San Bernardino counties and he anticipates the Pacific trough will continue into next week.

“I monitored the calls in the area on Sunday and Monday and there was significant downpour but it wasn’t over a long period of time,” Martinez said. “The rains did wash out a lot of the ash down into roadways and into flood channels.

“The National Weather Service is expecting more rain later this week and we are really encouraging residents to start sandbagging their properties and really start preparing by doing things like cleaning rain gutters and storm drains, having an emergency kit handy and even signing up for emergency alerts.”

Sandbags do not guarantee a water-tight seal, but if properly placed could help redirect water, mud and debris away, Martinez said. Sandbags can help protect doorways, if a waterproof layer like heavy plastic or waterproof canvas is placed behind them.

“If possible, secure it to the door frame. Stack the sandbags in a pyramid formation and wrap the plastic up and over the top,” Martinez said.

Martinez said vegetation normally absorbs rain. But charred ground, where vegetation previously used to be before a wildfire, creates a loss of “soil strength” and cannot easily absorb rainwater, she said. That increases the risk of flooding and mudflows for “several years.”

Homes or properties burned by the blazes and those located downstream of burn areas are most at risk, Martinez warns.

Post-fire landslide hazards include fast-moving and highly destructive debris flows by exerting “great impulsive loads on objects in their paths,” Martinez said. That endangers human life by possibly damaging structures, stripping vegetation and blocking drainage ways.

Martinez said the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services app called Ready SB provides multiple resources that can assist in preparing for a disaster, including flooding.

“Residents should know that fire season is still not over,” Martinez said. “There are still possible fire dangers and at the same time we are dealing with possible flooding dangers if we do start seeing more rain in the coming weeks and months. We really encourage residents to start preparing. ... Our Ready!Set!Go! Flood Preparation brochure will show you some of the things you can do to protect your home, property and family.”

For more information visit the County Fire website at www.sbcfire.org.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20161025/officials-warn-of-post-pilot-and-bluecut-fire-flood-risks>

Residents in Affected Burned Areas Encouraged to Prepare for Rain

San Bernardino County Fire via 1st Responder News

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San Bernardino, CA - As the seasons change, preparations and adjustments must be made to anticipate the onset of rainfall, especially in areas that have experienced a wildfire. Although the weather forecast for this week will eventually rise in temperatures, residents that live in areas that have recently burned are presented with unique challenges when rain is forecasted.

Normally, vegetation absorbs rain, but after a wildfire, the charred ground where that vegetation has been burned away creates a loss of soil strength and can no longer easily absorb rainwater, increasing the risk of flooding and mudflows for several years. Properties directly affected by fires, and those located downstream of burn areas, are most at risk.

The best preparation for possible flooding is to plan ahead. The Ready!Set!Go! Flood Preparation brochure will show you some of the things you can do to protect your home, property and family. You'll find information about how to prepare for wet weather, things like cleaning out rain gutters and storm drains, where you can sign up for emergency alerts, fire stations that have sandbags available, and what you should have in an emergency kit. There is also specific information for areas that have recently been burned by wildfire.

Sandbags can best be used to help protect doorways if a waterproof layer like heavy plastic or waterproof canvas is placed behind them. If possible, secure it to the door frame. Stack the sandbags in a pyramid formation and wrap the plastic up and over the top. Keep in mind, sandbags DO NOT guarantee a water-tight seal, but properly placed sandbags can help redirect water, mud and debris away from your home.

The new San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services app, Ready SB, provides residents with

multiple resources that will assist them in preparing for a disaster such as flooding. Ready SB is now available as a free download from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store and can immediately help residents prepare themselves for emergencies.

Some other helpful resources:

- To find your closest sandbag location and other information on storm preparation check SBCoFire's website at www.sbcfire.org.
- Check the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov to see current and upcoming weather events.

<http://1strespondernews.com/webpages/news/DisplayNews.aspx?PT=state&state=CA&ID=f2868d2a-6404-41c1-b0e9-a501eada1fb8>