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County Fire unveils new Helendale fire engine

Paola Baker, Victorville Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Cpt. Jeff Allen at the dedication ceremony for Medic Engine 4, a new engine serving the Helendale community, at station 4 in Silver Lakes Saturday.

[PAOLA BAKER, DAILY PRESS]

SILVER LAKES — It was in the upper 80's on Saturday afternoon at **San Bernardino County Fire Station 4** on Saturday, and Supervisor Robert Lovingood was busy pushing a brand-new fire engine inside its bay.

Lovingood was joined by other members of the Silver Lakes and Helendale community — including Helendale Community Services District president Ron Clark and other local elected officials — in what County Fire called the traditional “push-in” ceremony, dating back to the days of horse-drawn carriages.

“Back then, after washing the engine, the crew had to hunker down and push it back inside the bay themselves,” County Fire engineer Jason Bertanene explained. “It’s since become a tradition for new fire engines. So, how about we get our elected officials to join in?”

It was all part of a dedication ceremony for the new County Fire engine now serving station 4, located at 27089 Helendale Road, on Saturday afternoon. Residents were invited

to tour the fire station and get a look at the new engine while enjoying some grilled hot dogs and burgers under the spring sun.

Despite the heat, Lovingood and many in the Silver Lakes community seemed eager to help roll out the new fire engine Saturday. Children formed a traditional “bucket brigade” to help fill the new truck with water before Lovingood presented the fire station with a commemorative plaque for the occasion.

“We’re fortunate to have such dedication in our public safety in this community,” Clark said.

The engine can hold up to 1,500 gallons of water at a time and comes outfitted with full medical and rescue capabilities, according to interim chief of operations Kathleen Opliger. Dubbed Medic Engine 4, the fire engine has been “unofficially serving the community for a few weeks” before its grand debut Saturday.

The engine serves as an additional resource for the Silver Lakes and Helendale community and can also be an asset for hard-to-reach areas along National Trails Highway, Highway 395, and even Interstate 40, Cpt. Jeff Allen said.

<http://victorvilledailynews.com/>

County Fire Station 4 in Helendale hosting open house Saturday

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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HELENDALE, Calif. — Join your **San Bernardino County Firefighters** on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 12 p.m. -2 p.m. at Fire Station 4 in the community of Helendale as they host an open house.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the dedication of a brand new KME Type 1 Fire Engine, which is now serving the community.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 1 p.m.

The San Bernardino County Professional Firefighters Local 935 will also be hosting a fundraiser BBQ. All proceeds from the BBQ will be donated to the Silver Lakes Community Service Foundation.

Hope to see you there!

<https://www.vvng.com/county-fire-station-4-in-helendale-hosting-open-house-saturday/>

Person is injured in rollover crash in Fontana on April 27

Mike Myers, Fontana Herald News

Posted: April 28, 2019



These two cars were involved in a collision in fontana on April 27. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A person was injured in a rollover crash in the northern area of Fontana on April 27.

At about 2:50 p.m., the Fontana Police Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to a traffic accident involving two cars in the intersection of Citrus Avenue and Casa Grande Avenue.

When emergency medical responders arrived on scene, they found one occupant in a car that had rolled over. Firefighters extricated the victim and transported her to a local hospital with unknown injuries.

According to witnesses, the driver of a red Chevy Blazer was eastbound on Casa Grande and stopped at the stop sign. The driver was attempting to cross Citrus when the driver of a beige Subaru SUV traveling northbound on Citrus broadsided the Blazer, the witnesses said.

The intersection is controlled by a stop sign for the east and westbound traffic of Casa Grande.

The Fontana P.D. is handling the investigation.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/person-is-injured-in-rollover-crash-in-fontana-on-april/article_6a5bb3ea-69f6-11e9-9927-bf8b5af7a4ab.html

Fire shuts down Highway 38 near Yucaipa for nearly 5 hours

Brian Rokos, Press Enterprise

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Firefighters battle a brush fire in Yucaipa on April 26, 2019, that burned on both sides of Highway 38. The fire prompted the closure of the highway. (Courtesy of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department)

A brush fire in Yucaipa on Friday afternoon, April 26, closed Highway 38 for about five hours as firefighters fought the blaze.

Highway 38, which stretches from Mentone to the east end of Big Bear Lake, was closed at Bryant Street in Yucaipa and at Lake Williams, Cal Fire San Bernardino Unit Deputy Chief Shane Littlefield and Caltrans said.

At 4:40 p.m., Cal Fire reported that the forward progress of the flames had been stopped. The fire had burned 25 acres on both sides of the highway as of 5:30 p.m. and had been 30 percent contained at that point

The fire was reported just after 3 p.m. and moved at a moderate rate of spread in light grasses and medium brush, Littlefield said.

No evacuations, injuries or damage to structures were reported.

Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and the U.S. Forest Service were on the scene. The attack included aircraft.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

<https://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/2019/04/26/brush-fire-closes-highway-38-between-yucaipa-and-lake-williams/>

Vegetation Fire on SR 38 – Update 4 Friday, April 26, 2019 5:35 P.M.

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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UPDATE 4, Friday, April 26, 2019 5:35 p.m.

Per CalFire the Bryant fire was remapped and acreage is 25 acres. The fire is now 30% contained.

UPDATE 3, Friday, April 26, 2019 4:35 p.m.

Both flanks of the fire have been stopped by firefighters. Most aircraft has been released from the Bryant fire. Helicopter 305 will remain to do mop up and observation work. Thank you to our firefighters and fire agencies.

UPDATE 2, Friday, April 26, 2019 4:03 p.m.

Bryant fire is around 15 acres and burning on both sides of the highway. Significant resources are on scene or enroute.

UPDATE 1, Friday, April 26, 2019 3:54 p.m.

Additional CalFire units have been requested to respond to the Bryant fire and are enroute.

ORIGINAL STORY

Additional CalFire units have been requested to respond to the Bryant fire and are enroute.

Yucaipa, CA – A vegetation fire is burning on Sr 38 about one half mile from Bryant. The fire has jumped 38 and is on both sides of the roadway. The 38 is closed at Bryant.

The fire is being called the Bryant fire and is about 5 acres with a moderate rate of spread. Significant air resources on order including 5 air tankers. Responding agency is **San Bernardino County Fire**, U. S. Forest Service and Cal Fire.

Updates as they become available.

<https://rotwnews.com/2019/04/26/vegetation-fire-on-sr-38/>

Hi-Desert Water approves \$2 million in change orders

Staff Writer, Hi-Desert Star

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YUCCA VALLEY — Hi-Desert Water District directors discussed about \$2 million worth of change orders in the wastewater project Wednesday.

“A majority of it is probably from utilities not previously being shown,” said Director Sarann Graham.

About half of the change orders presented were for Collection System Package C. Some of the big-ticket items for the package that required changes in the cost include \$237,000 toward 6-inch paving in parking lots. More parking lots than expected had to be drilled into for the project, said Chief Financial Officer Jonathan Abadesco.

Despite the change orders, Abadesco said the project is still in line with the budget because of expected overage.

The directors discussed amending the district’s policy on service connections.

The district currently has “U” branch connections that provide water for fire sprinkler systems. It is moving to a single connection providing water, which is recommended by the **San Bernardino County Fire Standards** and the National Fire Protection Association.

“I’m satisfied that this meets state requirement,” said Director Bob Stadum.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_e8badf58-6867-11e9-82db-13a3377679cd.html

Tom’s Restaurant in Hesperia evacuated after fire on the roof

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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(Photo by Amber Nicole)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — **San Bernardino County Firefighters** responded to a small fire at Tom’s Restaurant Friday afternoon.

At about 12:45 pm, 911 started to receive multiple reports of smoke coming from the roof Tom’s Famous Family Restaurant in the 16700 block of Bear Valley Road.

Victor Valley News Group member Amber Nicole said she was eating inside and heard a loud explosion noise that sounded off. “We got out right away and the roof was smoking,” stated Nicole.

According to scanner traffic, several employees were on the roof attempting to put the fire out before firefighters arrived.

According to preliminary reports, the fire started inside the hood and duct system with no extension to the roof. The fire caused the restaurant to be filled with smoke and evacuated.

The fire was out by 1:07 pm. No injuries were reported by civilians or firefighters and the official cause of the fire is under investigation.

<https://www.vvng.com/toms-restaurant-in-hesperia-evacuated-after-fire-on-the-roof/>

A man jumps into Hesperia aqueduct after being chased by Pit Bulls

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — 911 Dispatchers received a call at about 6:40 p.m. Friday, from a man who said he was hanging onto the side of the California Aqueduct in Hesperia.

Officials say the man was walking about a half-mile north of Maple Avenue over the aqueduct crossing when he was chased by three Pit bulls.

“He evacuated into the water to escape some dogs that were in the area. He held onto a ladder and was trapped there because the dogs were there,” stated **San Bernardino County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike McClintock.

“Animal control was called and they remedied the situation rather quickly,” Batt. Chief McClintock said.

Although the man’s cellphone had suffered water damage, he was able to provide his location before it stopped working, fire officials said.

The man later identified himself on Facebook as Dave Kelly on a Victor Valley News post stated the following...

“Ok I will clear the story up since it’s about me. It was 2 pit bulls not 3. I was jogging along the aqueduct when I saw the 2 dogs in a nearby field on the other side of the fence. I saw them barking and running towards me so I started running away. I knew they were chasing me but thought I could get away until I saw them get through a hole in the fence. That’s when the chase was on. There was about 300 yards between us. I ran down a 30 foot hill towards the aqueduct. The dogs were really fast and continued chasing me down the hill. I took a defensive posture and grabbed a rock... I actually hit the brindle but it didn’t even slow the dog down. Both were charging me so I jumped in the aqueduct to prevent getting attacked. The dogs were crazy aggressive and kept me from getting out of the water as I was floating down towards maple bridge. They both followed me along the edge trying to come down the concrete to bite me. After about 10 minutes I was able to grab a ladder along the side. I called 911 because the dogs wouldn’t let me out of the aqueduct and I wasn’t going to attempt the swim across the aqueduct. It took emergency response about 20 minutes to get to me. Communication with 911 was really tough because my phone was wet and the dogs were barking right in my

face as I hung onto the ladder. Thank you everyone who responded, I truly appreciate your help,” stated Kelly.

Here is a photo he was able to take of the dogs.

“The biggest thing to remember any time you go hiking, or anywhere, regardless if it’s near the aqueduct or not, is to have your phone with you and to go with a buddy who is knowledgeable of the area,” McClintock said, “But especially around the aqueduct, the directions can be confusing.”

The man declined medical and animal control was able to capture the dogs.

<https://www.vvng.com/a-man-jumps-into-hesperia-aqueduct-after-being-chased-by-3-dogs/>