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Driver killed in early morning crash on Highway 247 in Lucerne Valley

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(google maps)

LUCERNE VALLEY, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The California Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal traffic accident in Lucerne Valley early Saturday morning.

It happened at about 6:51 am on Highway 247 or most commonly known as Old Woman Springs Road and Lincoln Road.

According to the CHP logs, a blue Dodge Durango was on its roof.

San Bernardino County Fire responded and pronounced the sole occupant deceased at the scene.

Friends familiar with the incident told VVNG the driver killed was a Lucerne Valley man who was on his way to work and just a few weeks away from celebrating his 29th birthday.

CHP is investigating the crash and additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/driver-killed-in-early-morning-crash-on-highway-247-in-lucerne-valley/>

County Fire Offers Wood Chipping For Mountain Residents

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Mountain Communities – The **San Bernardino County Fire Protection** Agency (SBCoFD), in cooperation with the San Bernardino County Public Works and Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, are offering wood chipping throughout the mountain communities over the last few weeks of the year. The recent winter storms have blocked many driveways and access roads with broken trees, branches and other debris. In an effort to bolster safety in these areas, these agencies will assist residents in cleaning up their communities.

Residents may drop their tree limbs off at the following locations and times.

Lytle Creek 12/14/2019 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

Fire Station 20,497 Lytle Creek Road, Lytle Creek CA 92358

Forest Falls Beginning on 12/16/2019

Curbside chipping will be available every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until the work is complete. Residents may stack their debris near the curb to have it chipped, as crews are available.

Crestline 12/21/2019 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

North parking lot at Lake Gregory, Lake Drive/Lake Gregory Dr.

Lake Arrowhead 12/22/2019 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Rim of the World High School Parking lot, 27400 CA -18 , Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

The Rim Fire Safe Council will be contracting with haulers to pick up debris in Crestline and Lake Arrowhead areas to bring the debris to the chip sites at the north parking lot in Lake Gregory and the high school chipped, courtesy of SBCoFD and CAL FIRE. Residents of Crestline and the Lake Arrowhead areas may arrange for their tree limbs to be picked up, courtesy of Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, by registering their request at <http://www.FreeChipping.org>.

Property owners must submit their pickup request by December 20, 2019 for the weekend of 12/28 and 12/29.

Wood chips are available, free of charge for resident's flower beds, front yards and backyards, at Fire Station 20 in Lytle Creek and Fire Station 99 in Forest Falls, until January 31, 2020.

SBCoFD encourages residents to get prepared for winter weather. For safety tips, including food preparation, debris and erosion control, and sandbag locations, visit <https://www.sbcfire.org/Programs/ReadySetGoFlood.aspx>

<https://rotwnews.com/2019/12/13/county-fire-offers-wood-chipping-for-mountain-residents/>

FOUR INJURED IN SUNDAY MORNING CRASH IN JOHNSON VALLEY

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Early information on a Sunday morning crash: At about 11:49 a.m., Morongo Basin Ambulance responded to a crash in Johnson Valley on State Route 247 at the cross of Rattlesnake Canyon Road. Two vehicles were involved—a truck and a sedan. The female driver of the truck, age 32, and her two children—a daughter, 5 months, and son, 2 years—were transported by Morongo Basin Ambulance to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs. The driver of sedan was flown from the scene by Mercy Air, and treated by **County Fire** units from Lucerne Valley and Yucca Mesa.

<http://z1077fm.com/four-injured-in-sunday-morning-crash-in-johnson-valley/>

MORONGO BASIN BUSINESS ON TOMORROW'S COUNTY SUPERVISORS AGENDA

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Our Morongo Basin will figure prominently at tomorrow's 10 a.m. meeting of County Supervisors in San Bernardino. First off, with barely a month on the job, Fire Chief Dan Munsey of Yucca Valley will take on an expanded position, that of **County Fire Warden**. The title will give him the full powers of a peace officer—a designation that is not currently included under the Fire Chief position. Reporter Mike Lipsitz is here to tell us what else is on tomorrow's agenda...

In other business, supervisors are expected to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Sunburst Avenue bike route project from Highway 62 about two miles north to Calle Los Amigos. The bike lanes will provide increased pedestrian and cyclist safety for students and residents in the area and to the new Joshua Tree Elementary School. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines require that an environmental document be prepared, circulated for public review and comment, and adopted by the board of supervisors prior to the board's approval of the project. By adopting the mitigated negative declaration pursuant to CEQA, the board is finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment after implementation of the mitigation measures. The purpose of the document is to disclose and incorporate mitigation measures to avoid any potentially significant effects to the environment resulting from the project. Satisfaction of the CEQA requirements will allow the department to apply for the environmental permits needed for construction. The project consists of rehabilitating the existing bike path located along the east side of Sunburst Avenue from State Route 62 to Oleander Avenue (approximately 0.5 miles); constructing a new bike lane on the east side of Sunburst Avenue from termination of the existing bike path north to Calle Los Amigos (approximately 1.5 miles); and constructing a new bike lane on the west side of Sunburst Avenue from State Route 62 to Calle Los Amigos (approximately 2 miles).

Construction activities consist of earthwork, including minor excavation and grading; paving with asphalt concrete; installation of signage; and painting of pavement striping and pavement markings

Also, supervisors are also expected award a \$320,760 construction contract for the 605 acres of mostly undisturbed land known as the Desert View Conservation Area south of Highway 62 in Joshua Tree. The Project provides for a designated parking area, restroom, and informational kiosks.

Then turning to Pioneertown water, supervisors will likely approve a \$221,020 amendment to the contract with Sukut Construction and extend the completion date to April 30, 2020.

Tomorrow's meeting will also stream live to the first-floor teleconferencing room at the County Government Center in Joshua Tree where public comment may be made via video link.

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