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Another city shifts fire protection

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UPLAND – (INT) – Another city-operated fire department is being disbanded and merged into the San Bernardino County fire Protection District.

Upland follows in the steps of San Bernardino in the money-saving merger.

Upland has operated its own fire department for more than 100 years.

A transfer of authority ceremony will be held Thursday. County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig will unveil the City/County branded fire engines followed by a traditional fire department flag ceremony.

The transition is effective Saturday.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=47000>

Vegetation fire on northbound I-15 in Fontana is extinguished on July 18

Mike Myers, Fontana Herald News

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Firefighters extinguish a vehicle fire and brush fire that erupted on the side of the northbound Interstate 15 Freeway in Fontana on July 18. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish a vegetation fire which apparently was started by a car that had gone off the northbound Interstate 15 Freeway in Fontana on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 18.

No injuries were reported in connection with the fire, which consumed about a quarter acre, officials said.

At about 10:02 a.m., the California Highway Patrol received calls of a car that went off I-15 near Sierra Avenue. It was reported that the vehicle went over the right shoulder embankment and was catching the field on fire.

When the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and the CHP arrived on scene, they saw a car fully engulfed in flames in the field adjacent to the freeway. Firefighters aggressively attacked the car fire and vegetation fire and stopped it in 15 minutes.

According to a CHP officer investigating the accident, the car may have been off-road prior to the fire. There wasn't any evidence of tire marks or perimeter fence damage found at the point the car supposedly went off the freeway.

Some drivers who stopped to help said they saw a lot of dust, and then they saw the car on fire in the field. They didn't see the car leave the freeway.

The I-15 had some minor slowing due to the emergency equipment in the area.

The CHP was investigating the incident and did not have any immediate information regarding the identity of the owner of the car.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/vegetation-fire-on-northbound-i--in-fontana-is-extinguished/article_8c46af56-6c09-11e7-9bd6-2f3181eb3232.html

Woman suffers minor injuries after being hit, dragged by semi-truck in San Bernardino, officials say

Alex Groves, The Press-Enterprise

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A woman suffered only minor abrasions after a semi-truck driver drove over her and dragged her for about 50 feet, police and fire officials said.

The incident was reported at 2:12 p.m. in the area of North Del Rosa Avenue and East Date Street, according to **San Bernardino County Fire Department** spokesman Eric Sherwin.

San Bernardino police Sgt. John Cardillo said the semi-truck was stopped at the limit line of an intersection as the woman was crossing.

When the light turned green, the driver did not see the woman and started driving, according to Cardillo. She ended up getting caught underneath a wheel and being dragged, he said.

The woman was taken to a local trauma center a little before 2:40 p.m., Sherwin said. She was awake as she was being taken, he said.

The San Bernardino Police Department was investigating the incident.

This story is developing. Check back for updates.

<http://www.pe.com/2017/07/18/woman-suffers-minor-injuries-after-being-hit-dragged-by-semi-truck-in-san-bernardino-officials-say/>

Arsonist strikes San Bernardino Catholic church, police not currently investigating as hate crime

Doug Saunders, The Sun

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SAN BERNARDINO >> Early Monday morning firefighters and police were called to Our Lady of Assumption Church after several people reported it was on fire.

When they arrived shortly before 4 a.m. the fire had already quelled itself, but arson investigators determined an ignitable substance was poured on the doors of the church and lit on fire, **San Bernardino County fire** officials said Tuesday.

“At this point we are not investigating this as a hate crime,” San Bernardino Police Lt. Mike Madden said. “But that doesn’t mean it won’t be investigated as a hate crime in the future.”

Fire investigators, San Bernardino Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are investigating the incident. The church is at 796 West 48th Street in San Bernardino.

No suspects have been identified.

Anyone with information is asked to call the arson hotline at 800-47-ARSON.

http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20170718/arsonist-strikes-san-bernardino-catholic-church-police-not-currently-investigating-as-hate-crime?source=most_viewed

Joshua Tree Woman Accused in Yucca Valley Arson Fire

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A Joshua Tree woman was arrested Monday, after county fire officials said she started a small fire in Yucca Valley. According to **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike Snow, firefighters were called to a small brush fire behind the movie theater, south of Pima Trail and west of Palm Avenue, at 2:45 p.m. A small bush had been set on fire but witnesses had put it out by the time firefighters arrived; in addition, an attempt had been made to set a discarded sofa on fire as well. The witnesses told firefighters they had seen a woman at the scene, later identified as Cindy Neuberger, 28. Neuberger was located about an hour later near Grand Avenue and Highway 62. Cindy Neuberger was arrested for investigation of setting an unlawful fire, and for a warrant for possession of methamphetamine, booked into the Morongo Basin Jail, with her bail set at \$25,000.

<http://z1077fm.com/joshua-tree-woman-accused-in-yucca-valley-arson-fire/>