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(Photo: Tammie Mauro)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A 38-year-old man was flown to a trauma center following a traffic collision with a Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) bus in Victorville on Thursday.

At about 12:22 pm, a crash involving a bus and a small white sedan was reported on Stoddard Wells Road just before the Highway 18/D Street bridge in Victorville.

Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** arrived and treated a male occupant in the sedan which had sustained a significant amount of damage to the driver side.

The male was transported by ground ambulance to Victor Valley Global Medical Center and flown to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. As of Thursday evening, his condition is unknown.

At this time, it's unknown if any passengers were on the bus at the time of the crash. According to SB County Fire Public Information Officer Eric Sherwin, to his knowledge, no other injuries were reported as a result of the crash.

Stoddard Wells Road was closed for approximately two-hours as officials cleared the accident scene.

The cause of the crash is currently under investigation. Information will be updated as it becomes available.

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Fontana Chamber of Commerce honors Fontana Police, Fire, and School Police heroes

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Bradley Carlson received the award for Fontana Police Department Employee of the year from Chief Bob Ramsey during the recognition ceremony sponsored by the Fontana Chamber of Commerce at the Jessie Turner Center on April 9. (Herald News Photo by Alejandro Cano)

In January of last year, Fontana Police Officer Bradley Carlson overheard a police broadcast of a suspect involved in a fatal fight which occurred in the area of Juniper Avenue and Valley Boulevard.

Immediately Carlson headed to the area to search for the suspect, and he saw a subject matching the description. Carlson noted that the suspect had blood on his clothing and had possession of a bloody weapon - enough evidence to arrest him.

In another incident a few months later, Carlson responded to a lethal stabbing which occurred in the 16500 block of Montgomery Court.

While on perimeter, Carlson observed a man standing on the front porch of his residence, acting strangely and playing with a knife. When approached, the suspect fled into his residence, prompting police to chase after him. Carlson and two other officers subsequently gained entry and arrested two people who had blood on their hands.

"If it were not for Officer Carlson's keen observations and intuitive investigative skills, the suspects would have most likely gone unidentified and the crimes unsolved," said Fontana Police Chief Bob Ramsey. "Officer Carlson has brought great credit to himself and the FPD, upholding the professionalism and quality of service of the department to the community of Fontana."

For his actions, Carlson was named Employee of the Year for 2017 by the Police Department during the annual Police, Fire and Fontana Unified School District Police Recognition Ceremony, which was held on April 9 at the Jessie Turner Center.

----- THE EVENT, organized by the Fontana Chamber of Commerce, recognized the work of the many men and women who help keep the community safe.

- The California Highway Patrol awarded the 10851 GTA Award to Sergeant Tracy Dills, Corporal Justin Laing and Officers Domenic Ancona, Michael Freeman, Joshua Patty, Steven Roe, and Joshua Passas.
- The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department gave the Meritorious Award to Captain Robert Kittleman and the Life Saving Award to Captain Tony Siciliano, Engineer Mike Brimmer, FF/PM Justin Mollicone, FF Cody Nelson, FF Nate Oden, Captain Mike Murphy, Engineer Anthony Pena, FF/PM Carson Anderson, FF/PM Brian Agrelius, FF Theodore Alten, Captain William Rozinka, Engineer Jeremy Hanson, FF/PM

Joseph Chaplinski, FF Robert Stine, Captain Bryan James, Engineer Jason Williams, FF/PM Craig Lynde, FF/PM Andrew Anderson, and FF Jose Cruz.

- The Firefighter of the Year Award was granted to Craig Lynde.
- The FUSD Police Department awarded Norma Bautista and K9 Max with the Excellence Award.
- The Fontana P.D. awarded Officer Domenic Ancona with the Life Saving Award.
- The Excellence Award was given to Officers David Campa and Michael Hall; Candy Thomas, Corporal Valeria Gutierrez, Lieutenant James Burton, Sergeants Brian Binks, Tracy Dills, Liam Coughlin, and Jon Van Tuinen; Corporals Edward Stewart, Jason Coillot, Kyle Guthrie, Kyle Slusser, Marc Gonzales, Rich Hunt, Ronald Vogelsang, and Valerie Gutierrez; and Officers Bradley Carlson, Frank Losch, Shannon Vanderkallen, Shawn Michels, Taylor Hymas, Thomas Borden, Michael Hall and Jennifer Schlotterbeck.
- The Unit Citation Award - ICAC was given to Corporal Jeremy Hale and Officers Marcia Pineda and Vanessa Waggoner, while the Unit Citation Award - Code Compliance was awarded to Robert Crosby, Josie Flores, Peggy Fonseca, Efrain Gonzalez, Maria Gonzalez, Karen Hampton, Victoria Heritage, Darlene Nelson, Sandra Pelayo, Theodore Porlas, Alondra Yniguez and Peggy Barnes.
- The Area Commander Award - Bike Unit was given to Sergeants Josh Rice and Danny Delgado, Corporal Luis Valenzuela, and Officers Rich Guerrero, Chris Gonzales, Michael Hall, John Parsons and Neil Bachman.
- The Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Fred Flores, the Explorer of the Year Award was granted to Marisol Garcia, and the Chaplain of the Year Award went to Victor Nolen.

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April Breaks Out in Rash of Small Fires

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These first two weeks of April have been notable for a number of small fires that the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department (SBCoFD) crews were able to extinguish quickly. But the department's public information officer, Eric Sherwin, reminds residents and visitors of the mountain communities that it is necessary to remain vigilant, even if a fire appears to be small.

"We've had a couple of decent rains through the area," Sherwin said. "Now we have some heat and sun, which results in growth of vegetation. Soon that will dry out, cure and become receptive to fire. Small ones can quickly become bigger fires."

In fact, the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts that the mountain areas will have winds of 20 to 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 to 45 mph Thursday night and Friday. Such conditions require extra vigilance and the NWS advises against burning anything outdoors.

Most recently, on April 10, two separate small fires occurred at Silverwood Lake State Regional Park. Around 7:37 a.m., two SBCoFD units responded to the state park headquarters in the 14600 block of Cedar Circle, near 2N45 Forest Road.

Upon arrival, firefighters investigated areas outside the parking entrance but were unable to locate a fire, although the area was hazy and the park ranger said the smell was gone. "It was not a false or malicious call," Sherwin noted. "It came in as a good-intent call, but it amounted to nothing."

A second call from Silverwood Lake, also on April 10, came in at around 8:38 a.m. This time a passerby said the fire was at State Highway 173 and Cedar Springs Dam Road. One unit responded and found no flames, despite the presence of a lot of smoke. The passerby who reported the fire had left the area. Such a reporting party should have stayed or should have been detained to speak with firefighters or investigators.

On April 8, around 9 p.m., more than seven units responded to a structure fire in the 21900 block of Crest Forest Drive, between Triangle Nook Road and Fir Street, in Cedarpines Park.

Also in Cedarpines Park, a caller reported another fire along Crest Forest Drive. Sherwin revealed that local residents promptly extinguished a 15'x15' area of brush burning near a wood stack, just three feet away from a house at the location.

On April 8 at 4:45 p.m., two units responded to a call of a "fire type unknown" in the 28900 block of Mohawk Drive in Lake Arrowhead. The cross streets were Ponderosa Peak Road and South Cumberland Drive. No specific information about the fire was available.

The previous day, April 7, was marked by a vehicle fire along State Highway 330, at mile marker 37. Two SBCoFD units responded at 10:29 a.m. to put out the fire.

It is interesting to note that on April 5, a transient male was observed walking along State Highways 18 and 138, according to a report from the Twin Peaks Sheriff's Station. He was downward bound and was hitchhiking. Public Information Officer Gilbert Flores said that a background check revealed that the subject is an "arson registrant."

Pursuant to California Penal Code §457.1, he is required to register with law enforcement in his place of residence every year, but records showed that he had not registered since 2009. As specified by Flores, the subject, who usually resides in San Bernardino, was arrested, cited, driven down to Waterman Avenue and 40th Street in San Bernardino, and released.

This reverse chronology leads next to April 2, when a case of arson was reported in the 700 block of Woodland Road, Crestline. A female subject allegedly set fire to a stack of cut logs outside a garage and left the scene around 4:41 a.m. The fire spread to the victim's truck. Firefighters extinguished it and deputies responded to assist with the investigation, which is ongoing.

Going back to April 1, a "fire type unknown" was reported on Fredalba Road between Park Drive and Ponderosa Pike. Two SBCoFD units responded.

In addition to all these fire events, dispatchers, firefighters, paramedics and top administrators respond to numerous calls for medical emergencies and other critical situations, as well. And, in case you missed it, this week is National Public Telecommunications week, honoring the dispatchers who are your first point of contact when you need help.

Spring has barely begun, and already it's a remarkably busy time for emergency personnel. It's important now, more than ever, for residents and visitors to be careful, diligent and quick to report fires in a timely manner.

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