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## Stay safe and follow all fireworks laws, authorities say during press conference in Fontana

Alejandro Cano, Fontana Herald News

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Authorities gather for a press conference in Fontana to warn residents about the dangers of illegal fireworks (seen here). (Herald News photo by Alejandro Cano)

Fireworks are beautiful and mesmerizing and are used to celebrate the nation's birthday; however, if misused, fireworks could also be dangerous and sometimes deadly.

Statistics from the Consumer Products Safety Commission revealed that in 2016, four people died of fireworks-related injuries in the United States and that in 2015, the total number of fatalities was 11. In fact, CPSC indicates that between 2001 and 2016 a total of 114 persons have died of fireworks-related injuries.

Of the 11,000 fireworks-related injuries in 2016, an estimated 7,600 were treated in hospital emergency rooms, and children under the age of 15 were the most impacted.

With that in mind, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** authorities, in conjunction with Fontana leaders, are urging residents to take strong precautions to avoid getting hurt during the coming holiday celebration.

During a press conference on June 20 at Fire Station 79 in Fontana, officials warned residents to comply with regulations and to use only "Safe and Sane" (legal) fireworks in the time frame allowed in order to avoid possible fines. Sales of Safe and Sane fireworks will begin at noon on Thursday, June 28 and end at 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 5.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Marshal Mike Horton said that Safe and Sane fireworks are only allowed in the cities of Adelanto, Chino, Colton and Rialto as well as in specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace and San Bernardino. In addition, all fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California.

In Fontana, all fireworks (including "Safe and Sane") are prohibited in the city's high fire hazard area, which is property located north of Summit Avenue. Also, no fireworks are permitted in the western unincorporated county area of the city.

Horton added that authorities will be conducting operations in an attempt to stop smuggling of illegal fireworks into California.

Persons who are possessing, distributing or using illegal fireworks could face fines from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Depending upon the quantity of illegal fireworks possessed, individuals who are caught can be arrested and serve up to one year in prison.

Property owners may be cited if they allow illegal fireworks to be possessed, stored or used on their property, added Horton.

“Residents play an important role in our fireworks investigations. If you see something, say something. Call the authorities or the WeTip hotline at 1-800-47-ARSON to anonymously report illegal fireworks,” said Horton.

So far in the month of June, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, in collaboration with local fire agencies, has seized about 30,000 pounds of illegal fireworks. Numerous citations have been issued, with fines totaling more than \$100,000.

The Fontana Police Department is actively monitoring social media, engaging in undercover operations and increasing its level of enforcement to identify and cite residents who are selling and using illegal fireworks.

"The immediate gratification of seeing some sort of illegal firework go off is definitely not worth the fines associated with that," said Fontana Police Chief William Green.

It's also not worth the possibility of serious injuries, said Kaiser Fontana Emergency Room Director Dr. Ramona Snipes. She said the majority of injuries are burns to the hands, fingers, head, face, eyes, and ears.

"On average, 250 people go to the emergency departments in this nation every day in the month surrounding the Fourth of July," Snipes said. "If needed, emergency physicians and staff are always available to care for anyone injured during the holiday festivities."

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/stay-safe-and-follow-all-fireworks-laws-authorities-say-during/article\\_bdb68aec-77ee-11e8-85a5-877aba8c97a7.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/stay-safe-and-follow-all-fireworks-laws-authorities-say-during/article_bdb68aec-77ee-11e8-85a5-877aba8c97a7.html)

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## **Euclid fire near 71 Freeway fully contained**

CITY NEWS SERVICE, Press Enterprise

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CORONA — A 154-acre brush fire that burned since June 12 northwest of Corona has been fully contained, fire officials said Sunday.

More than 200 firefighters from multiple agencies worked to extinguish the Euclid fire, which broke out alongside the Corona (71) Freeway, near the boundary separating Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

For a time, the flames crossed into San Bernardino County, approaching Euclid Avenue in Chino, but the brush fire was reduced to an area just inside Riverside County, where it was squelched Friday evening, according to the Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department.

Crews from the Riverside County, **San Bernardino County**, Ontario and Corona fire departments, with assistance from outside agencies, helped keep the fire from threatening any structures while it burned.

Officials said a white sedan caught fire, possibly from overheating, and the vehicle was quickly engulfed, after which flames jumped from the car to dry vegetation nearby, culminating in a wildland blaze.

<https://www.pe.com/2018/06/25/euclid-fire-near-71-freeway-fully-contained/>

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## **Reported Incidents Less Than Alarming**

**Heidi Fron, Mountain News**

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Various incident logs and reports between June 13 and 18 appeared to generate concern, but the most “alarming” incidents turned out to be minor – except for the people who were involved.

Two reports, for example, were labeled as a “drowning” and a “possible drowning.” The June 16 incident on Lake Arrowhead at 7 p.m. was actually an overturned kayak. Its occupants suffered mild hypothermia, according to Eric Sherwin, public information officer (PIO) for the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Likewise, a “possible drowning” at the Lake Silverwood Marina, also on June 16, was a case of “mistaken identity” in which no assistance was needed. No explanation was offered for the “mistaken identity.”

The worst situation apparently was a residential fire in the 23400 block of Crestline Road in Crestline. It took about 40 minutes to knock down the fire, Sherwin reported, but no one was injured.

Another report made it appear that a wildfire was burning in the forest, but the alert was in connection with the residential fire on Crestline Road. Zachary Behrens, PIO for the San Bernardino National Forest, said that the agency was notified about the residential fire in case it spread to Forest Service land nearby.

Another Crestline fire in the 23500 block of Knapps Cutoff was a stove fire that had been put out by the time firefighters arrived.

Among other non-events was a report of hazardous material (haz mat) in the 23300 block of Cloudview Road in Crestline. County fire units responded, but Sherwin said they were unable to locate any haz mat situation.

[http://www.mountain-news.com/news/crime\\_log/article\\_42be68c6-789a-11e8-8fe8-e710121eb770.html](http://www.mountain-news.com/news/crime_log/article_42be68c6-789a-11e8-8fe8-e710121eb770.html)

## Institution fire in Devore stopped after burning 5 acres of brush

Mike Cruz, San Bernardino Sun

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Firefighters have stopped the forward spread of a brush fire that consumed about 5 acres of vegetation in Devore near the San Bernardino County Frank Bland Regional Training Center for law enforcement personnel.

The fire, dubbed the Institution fire, was reported around 12:18 p.m. in a pocket of vegetation between the sheriff's academy and the Glen Helen Amphitheater, according to Liz Brown, a CalFire spokeswoman. Firefighters are now in the mop-up phase of the fire, targeting hot spots and maintaining containment.

Initially, **San Bernardino County fire** personnel responded to the call, so the two agencies' resources worked together to fight the blaze.

There was no threat to structures, and no evacuations were ordered, Brown said.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/06/22/institution-fire-in-devore-stopped-after-burning-5-acres-of-brush/>

## **REMINDER: ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN OUR MORONGO BASIN**

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The **San Bernardino County fire department** is issuing a reminder that all fireworks are illegal in the Morongo Basin and that possession and use of these fireworks carry steep penalties. Reporter Andrew Dieleman has information on how you can stay safe this Fourth of July...

With our county facing a dangerous wildland fire season, County Fire is partnering with law enforcement to increase its vigilance in enforcing state and county firework laws to protect public health and safety. Fire officials will be issuing citations for the illegal use, possession, or storage of fireworks with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest. Property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored, or used on their property. All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California. Here in the Morongo Basin, all fireworks, even so-called "Safe and Sane" fireworks, are illegal. County Fire encourages residents to leave fireworks to the professionals and enjoy local shows planned for both Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley. Residents are encouraged to report illegal fireworks to local authorities.

<http://z1077fm.com/reminder-all-fireworks-are-illegal-in-our-morongo-basin/>