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## Fire truck is involved in collision with two other vehicles in Fontana on March 12

Mike Myers, Fontana Herald News

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The Fontana Police Department is investigating why Medic Truck 77 from the San Bernardino County Fire Department collided with two vehicles in southern Fontana on March 12. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A **San Bernardino County Fire** Department truck was involved in a collision with two other vehicles in southern Fontana on March 12.

The incident took place at about 2:46 p.m., and witnesses said the lights and sirens were activated on Medic Truck 77, which was traveling westbound in the 16900 block of Slover Avenue.

The fire truck collided with a blue Toyota Yaris and a gray Dodge Caravan in the intersection of Slover and Tower Court.

Authorities said there were complaints of pain from the occupants of the two cars involved, but they declined medical treatment.

The Fontana Police Department is investigating the collision.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-truck-is-involved-in-collision-with-two-other-vehicles/article\\_83289b1a-45a5-11e9-a6a2-9b24bb0b2041.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-truck-is-involved-in-collision-with-two-other-vehicles/article_83289b1a-45a5-11e9-a6a2-9b24bb0b2041.html)

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## One person injured in Wednesday morning crash in Hesperia

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Authorities are investigating a crash that left one person injured early Wednesday morning.

At about 6:16 am, **San Bernardino County Fire** was dispatched to reports of a crash in the area of Caliente and Rancho Roads.

Upon arrival, they located a white Dodge Charger with major damage. Firefighters reported it appeared the vehicle came from the southbound I-15 freeway.

Officers with the California Highway Patrol as well as deputies from the Hesperia Sheriff's Station both respond to the incident.

One person was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital with unknown injuries.

The vehicle damaged approximately 100 feet of chain linked fence along Caliente Road and the I-15.

Ranchero Road was briefly closed as first responders treated the patient and later to remove the vehicle from the roadway.

Additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/one-person-injured-in-wednesday-morning-crash-in-hesperia/>

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## Rain, Rain Go Away

Sophia Montes, Coyote Chronicle San Bernardino Cal State University

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Are you enjoying the gloomy days and free car washes? It is no understatement to say this winter has been one of the rainiest and coldest seasons in recent years.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the consistent rain has almost eliminated California drought conditions, with over 67 percent of the state free of any level of dryness.

Drought-free conditions is something to be happy about, but what about the negative effects from this drenched winter?

Driving through San Bernardino is similar to driving in a video game, with a sudden twist and turns avoiding potholes and the damage they will bring to your car. This winter, driving in the area has become more challenging as rainwater seeps through the cracks into the gravel underneath the asphalt and creates a gap, which eventually creates potholes.

San Bernardino has never been greener in regard to the city's ecology. All of this rain has watered and given life to numerous mountains, hillsides and valleys. Unfortunately, the beautiful scenery will not last forever.

Climate change has a big effect on wildfires, the hotter it gets the easier they spread.

"The impacts of a lot of rain are huge," said Tracey Martinez, a Public Information Officer for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District. Rain is a double-edged sword. We need the rain, especially in our local mountains where the trees are fighting off the bark beetle and oak boar beetle, fighting for survival.

On the other hand, rain causes ladder fuels (underbrush) to grow. When we have an excessively hot summer and the Santa Ana winds start blowing, these ladder fuels dry out quickly and become kindling to a fire. When this happens, a major wildland fire can occur.”

Even though the rain is always something to look forward to there are a lot of effects, both good and bad, that come with it. Unfortunately, drought-free conditions, the beautiful scenery and excessive potholes plus raging wildfires go hand in hand.

<https://coyotechronicle.net/rain-rain-go-away/>

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## **Household hazardous waste collection event planned in Lucerne Valley on Saturday morning**

**Staff Writer, Daily Press**

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Residents may bring their waste behind Lucerne Valley Fire Station, 33269 Old Woman Springs Road, from 9 a.m. to noon. Lucerne Valley residents are invited to take part in a household hazardous waste collection event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday behind the Lucerne Valley Fire Station at 33269 Old Woman Springs Road (enter through the gate on Ladera Road).

The event is co-sponsored by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, Lucerne Valley and **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District.

This program is for household hazardous waste only; no business-generated waste will be accepted.

Only San Bernardino County residents can take part and identification will be required.

Waste brought before 9 a.m. will not be accepted. All waste must be accepted by County Fire personnel.

Residents may bring the following:

- Motor oil/used filters
- Auto and household batteries
- Paint products
- Antifreeze
- Household cleaners
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Medications (please separate liquids from solids, excluding controlled substances)
- Home-generated sharps/needles in approved container
- TVs, computer monitors
- CPUs, printers
- Fluorescent tubes
- Microwave ovens
- Clothes irons
- Cell/mobile phones, telephones
- Space heaters, stereos, radios
- VCRs/DVD players
- Musical greeting cards

Resident should NOT bring the following:

- Wastes from foreclosed properties and nonprofit organizations
- Business/commercial Wastes
- Radioactive wastes
- Medical wastes other than sharps
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Reactives
- Tires, appliances, furniture, Air Conditioner, etc.

Before transporting your waste, be sure that:

- Waste is properly labeled or in its original container
- The container is no larger than 5 gallons. Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds.
- Containers are sound and not leaking
- Sharps/needles are in approved container (it is illegal to transport them in a plastic bag, coffee cans or other container)
- Waste is placed securely in the vehicle for safe transport

Recycling used motor oil and filters is the right thing to do. Dumping used oil (or any chemical) is a crime — legally and environmentally. Dumped oil contaminates ground water, our drinking water source. Used oil is insoluble and can contain toxic chemicals, and also kill plant and aquatic life. One pint of used oil can create an acre-sized oil slick on surface waters.

Facts to remember when recycling oil:

- Drain your oil from cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, lawnmowers, etc., into a reusable, sealable container. Call 1-800-Oily Cat for free oil container availability.
- Do not dump oil on the ground, in the gutter or storm drain, or throw in the trash
- Do not mix anything with the oil (water, paint, pesticides, solvents, diesel, antifreeze or gasoline)

For more information, call the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Household Hazardous Waste Program, at 909-382-5401

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20190313/household-hazardous-waste-collection-event-planned-in-lucerne-valley-on-saturday-morning>

## Inmates hurt in fight at prison

Martin Estacio, Daily Press

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A fight broke out at one of the prisons in the Federal Correctional Complex on Monday night leaving 9 people injured, officials said. None sustained life-threatening injuries. [Daily Press file photo]

**VICTORVILLE** — Six staff members and three inmates were injured after a fight broke out at the United States Penitentiary on Monday night, officials said.

According to a Bureau of Prisons statement, “at approximately 7:00 p.m. staff responded to several housing units after receiving a report of multiple inmates fighting.”

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department tweeted at 7:28 p.m. that emergency crews were on scene of a mass casualty incident at the Federal Correctional Complex in the 13000 block of Air Expressway.

Out of eight patients the crews triaged, four were transported by ambulances to area hospitals with moderate injuries.

According to the BOP statement, the fight was immediately contained and the high-security prison was placed on “modified operations.”

“At no time was the public in danger,” it said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was notified and will be investigating.

The U.S. Penitentiary houses more than 1,200 inmates. It is part of a federal prison complex that includes two medium-security facilities.

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