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NEW COUNTY FIRE BATTALION CHIEF COMING TO THE MORONGO BASIN

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The Morongo Basin welcomes a new county fire battalion chief as of Monday, November 20.

Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio has been a firefighter for 30 years, which includes 15 years with Newberry Springs and Fort Irwin, before joining the county fire department in 2002.

Prior to his new assignment here, he was working in Fontana. Vilorio, who lives in Newberry Springs, said he has worked at the Yucca Mesa and Joshua Tree fire stations, and he's eager to get back to the South Desert Division.

He joins Battalion Chiefs Mike Snow and Scott Tuttle in overseeing the Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms, and Wonder Valley fire stations.

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Small airplane makes emergency landing on 15 Freeway in High Desert

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The two occupants of a single-engine airplane avoided injury Thursday, Nov. 16, when the pilot made an emergency landing in the center divider of the 15 Freeway about 10 miles from the Nevada state line, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** said.

The landing was reported just before 6 p.m. south of Nipton Road, Fire Department spokesman Eric Sherwin said. The plane was not blocking freeway lanes, he said.

<http://www.sbsun.com/2017/11/16/small-airplane-makes-emergency-landing-on-15-freeway-in-high-desert/>

Training day: Future first responders act out various emergencies at biannual Multi-Discipline Drill event

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Miguel Hernandez of Victor Valley College's Fire Academy prepares to douse a car fire during the college's Multi-Discipline Drill at the Regional Public Safety Training Center in Apple Valley on Thursday. The event is a multi-faceted final for students in the justice administration, fire and EMS academies. -James Quiqq, Daily Press

APPLE VALLEY — Prospective first responders and medical professionals got their first look at what to expect while on the job during a Victor Valley College training event Thursday.

Held at VVC's Regional Public Safety Training Center, the biannual drill had aspiring firefighters, paramedics, nurses and law enforcement officers work together to manage various emergency situations.

"We just had an active shooter scenario, and we've got about three or four injured patients to treat," VVC nursing professor Terry Truelove said, by way of example.

Over 30 different training scenarios were included in Thursday's drill, such as battling a house fire, extricating victims from the wreckage of a crash, rescuing lost hikers and triaging trauma patients. A police riot scenario was also incorporated, complete with a group of "protestors" and a line of armed "police officers" facing off.

"It puts our students in real-life situations that they may find themselves when they enter the workforce," VVC spokesman Robert Sewell said.

One new addition to the drill was the introduction of simulated patients with mental health issues, according to Truelove, as well as patients with common ailments for an accurate depiction of a real-life disaster situation.

"Even though this disaster happened, there's still people coming in that say 'hey, I just broke my arm,' which is very realistic," Truelove said. "We wanted to portray what it's like during these disasters for community hospitals.

Personnel from American Medical Response, the **San Bernardino County Fire** and County Sheriff's Departments, the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, and the California Highway Patrol participated in the event as well, providing resources for training. Local high school students were also invited to attend as observers.

"All these students were amazing. I'm proud to say I'm a part of VVC," Truelove enthused.

VVC has held these drills twice a year since 2013. The next drill is scheduled to take place in the 2018 spring semester.

“This is very realistic and unfortunately, part of our society,” Truelove said. “But all we can do is prepare, continue exercises like this, and continue to live our lives.”

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