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YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL HEARS OF FIRE STATION DELAY, BUDGET SURPLUS

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County Fire Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle told the Yucca Valley Town Council that a new fire station is in the fire department's five-year plan.

The Yucca Valley Town Council learned that the plans for its new fire station for downtown have been delayed; the station is in the fire department's five-year plans, but it's not known when the county will actually approve the funds to build the station. Yucca Valley firefighters respond to 350 to 400 calls per month. The council also received good news: a new brush engine will be coming to Station 41 next year. Managing editor Tami Roleff fills in the details of the rest of the town council meeting...

The Yucca Valley Town Council learned at its meeting last night the town has a 2016-17 budget surplus of more than \$600,000, of which \$400,000 was transferred into the capital projects reserve fund. And the town can expect even more funds coming due to the implementation of the new gas tax, set to go into effect in November. This year the town will receive only about \$120,000, since the tax starts in the middle of the fiscal year. In future years, the town can expect \$300,000 to \$400,000, which is about double of what it receives now. The town must use these funds on transportation projects.

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San Bernardino County supervisors approve sending personnel to help Las Vegas shooting victims

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Police form a perimeter around the road leading to the Mandalay Hotel (background) after a gunman killed at least 58 people and wounded more than 400 others when he opened fire on a country music concert in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 2, 2017. The gunman who opened fire on concertgoers from 32nd floor of a Las Vegas hotel was found dead, apparently of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, when a police SWAT team burst in, authorities said Monday. They said at least eight weapons, including a number of long rifles, were found in the room from where 64-year-old Stephen Paddock rained automatic fire into thousands of terrified people attending a country music concert across the street. "We believe the individual killed himself prior to our entry," Las Vegas Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said. (MARK RALSTON/AFP/Getty Images)

In response to Sunday's deadly mass shooting in Las Vegas, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved a proposal to deploy county employees, upon request, to Las Vegas to aid victims and assist the city in its response.

The urgency item, added Monday to the supervisors' agenda following the shooting, requires county Interim CEO Dena Smith to prepare a report to the board within 60 days of deployment of additional county employees to Las Vegas, should the request be made from officials in that city.

County law enforcement and fire officials, including Sheriff John McMahon and District Attorney Mike Ramos, decamped for Las Vegas Monday with a crisis response team to aid in the aftermath of the tragedy. "I urge this is a time that we look to come together, and we search out to help all and everyone that we can," board Chairman Robert Lovingood said during Tuesday's meeting. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the victims.

Fifty-nine people died and 527 were injured in Sunday night's shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Festival outside the Mandalay Bay hotel, declared the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

A number of San Bernardino County employees, some of them sworn personnel with local police and fire agencies, attended the event and began assisting the wounded after gunman Stephen Paddock opened fire on the crowd from a hotel room window on the hotel's 32nd floor.

County Fire Chief Mark Hartwig told the board an off-duty firefighter who was attending Sunday's concert, whom he later identified as Mike Kordich from the Devore station, was shot while helping a mortally wounded victim.

"He was stopping the bleeding and providing CPR to a concertgoer that had ultimately suffered a mortal wound, and he was shot," Hartwig said. "He is out of surgery and he's expected to make a full recovery."

Hartwig said after Tuesday's meeting that Kordich, who was shot in the right forearm, was recuperating at Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center in Las Vegas.

He said about 20 fire department employees were attending the country music festival while off duty, but their emergency medical training kicked into high gear when the gunfire erupted and bodies started falling.

"A lot of our firefighters have training on active shooter incidents – stopping the bleeding, triaging, treating – and (Kordich) was one of a handful of our (fire) suppression folks that were off duty there and started tending to some of the victims," Hartwig said.

Deputy Recorder Dana Gardner, a 26-year county employee, died in the shooting, and four grief counselors were deployed to the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk's Office Monday, where employees were shocked and grief-stricken by the news, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Bob Dutton said.

Sheriff's Sgt. Brad Powers, assigned to the Fontana station and a 19-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, was also attending Sunday's concert when he was shot in the lower torso. He underwent surgery and was still listed in critical but stable condition Tuesday at a Las Vegas hospital, sheriff's Lt. Sarkis Ohannessian said.

Also wounded in the shooting was an unnamed probation officer who also underwent surgery in Las Vegas and was subsequently released from the hospital, county Interim CEO Dena Smith said in an email to the Board of Supervisors on Monday.

Additionally, Human Services Personnel Tech Destinie Gutierrez was shot in the foot but did not require surgery, county spokesman David Wert said in an email Tuesday, adding that Gutierrez said she was doing "okay" and was at home with family.

An unnamed employee from the county's fleet management division was also injured in the shooting, but his condition was not known Tuesday.

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