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## Transformer Explosion Causes Major Power Outage in Upland

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Nearly 2,000 customers were affected after an explosion caused a power outage Tuesday in Upland, according to Robert Villegas of Southern California Edison.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Department received a call of a transformer explosion at 8:38 p.m. in the 900 block of West Villa Serena, where they saw an underground transformer on fire.

Additional units were requested after more transformer fires sparked. The flames were doused and nearly an hour later, another large explosion from a power box was reported at El Mirador, west of Vista Grande.

The cause of the explosions are under investigation and officials did not provide an estimate on when power would be restored.

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Transformer-Explosion-Causes-Major-Power-Outage-in-Upland-476777713.html>

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## Local leaders urge students to stay in school on March 14 and not participate in walkout

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FUSD Superintendent Randal Bassett speaks at the press conference. (Herald News Photo by Alejandro Cano)

"As a student leader and proud advocate of being united as a community, I cannot express enough that it is within campus that students can have control and raise awareness of the ongoing issue, without putting at risk our lives by physically leaving campus," she said.

Chief Robert Ramsey of the Fontana Police Department, Chief Martin Sissac of the Fontana Unified School District Police Department and **San Bernardino County Fire** Chief Mark Hartwig shared their commitment to ongoing training and working in partnership to keep the community safe. They encouraged the public to report suspicious activity to prevent future tragedies.

All school districts will treat any absences related to the walkouts as unexcused. Speakers encouraged parents to talk to their children about staying on campus on March 14 and every school day to ensure their safety.

Local city and school officials urged students to stay in school and not participate in a walkout that is being considered for Wednesday, March 14.

The City of Fontana, in collaboration with the Fontana Unified School District, Etiwanda School District, Chaffey Joint Union High School District, Rialto Unified School District, Colton Joint Unified School District and San Bernardino County Fire Department, held a press conference on March 13 to discuss school safety amid the impending proposed school walkouts on March 14 as well as April 20.

Speakers discussed the importance of school safety in regard to the nationally proposed school walkout events taking place across the country in response to school violence.

"I can tell you with 100 percent certainty that as a community we are constantly investing time and resources into safety and preparedness," said Fontana Mayor Acquanetta Warren.

After 17 seconds of silence in honor of the Parkland, Florida shooting victims, Warren stressed that the safety needs of students, faculty and, parents are the highest priority for the City of Fontana.

Randal Bassett, superintendent of the FUSD, spoke on behalf of all the school districts in attendance.

"The school districts represented here today, recognize and respect the values and opinions of our students," said Bassett. "On the 14th, our schools will be empowering students through a variety of age-appropriate school site activities designed to proactively address student safety while honoring the victims in Parkland, Florida."

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council chairperson, Maria Medina, encouraged her fellow students to make a difference by starting with their school.

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