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Two injured in crash on Caliente Road in Hesperia Wednesday

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Two vehicles sustained major damage after crashing in Hesperia. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Two drivers were treated for injuries after a traffic collision on Caliente Road, the second crash to occur in the general area less than 24-hours apart.

On Wednesday at about 5:32 p.m., San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies and **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to the collision at the intersection of Rancho and Caliente Roads.

The crash involved a silver Nissan Frontier driven by a 19-year-old Oak Hills resident, and a black Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by an adult male resident of Oak Hills.

“The kid in the Frontier was driving southbound on Caliente Road and at the last-minute I noticed he tried to turn left on Rancho Road,” stated Jenny Bellhouse, a Good Samaritan who pulled over after witnessing the crash.

“The man in the Jeep was heading northbound on Rancho Road and as he saw the truck coming towards him, he tried to avoid a head-on crash, but got T-boned instead,” Bellhouse stated.

The force of the impact caused the license plate from the Nissan to become lodged into the driver side of the Jeep, and forced the Jeep into a traffic signal pole. Both vehicles sustained major damage.

The teenager in the Nissan Frontier was transported to a hospital with an injury to his leg.

The driver of the Jeep was able to self-extricate from the vehicle through the passenger side door and complained of only minor injuries.

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SBC Firefighters respond to duplex fire in Victorville

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — San Bernardino County Firefighters doused a fire at a duplex in Victorville just after midnight on Wednesday.

At about 12:11 am, firefighters were dispatched to reports of a vehicle fire in the front yard of a residence in the 16000 block of Green Hill Drive in Victorville.

According to **San Bernardino County Fire** Captain Jeff Allen, the first arriving engine arrived at the scene in six minutes and reported a well-involved vehicle and the front portion of a single story duplex involved in fire.

County firefighters ensured there was no threat to life by performing a quick primary search on neighboring apartments before engaging in fire attack.

A total of 16 personnel responded and the fire was knocked down in approximately 30 minutes. No injuries were reported by firefighters or civilians.

Victor Valley News member Alany Brambila lives in one of the units and said everything they owned burned to the ground. In a Facebook post, Brambila said she and her 10-year-old daughter ran out wearing no shoes and thanked her neighbors who gave her a pair of sandals and the two men who helped her and her family get out safely.

“County firefighters in the city of Victorville were committed on this incident for approximately 2 hours. Under County Fires move up and cover plan the core stations in Victorville remained covered and ready to respond to additional calls for service until additional fire engines became available,” stated Allen. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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29 Palms firefighters deploy to blazes

Stacy Moore, Hi-Desert Star

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Cal Fire Photo

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Firefighters from the county station in Twentynine Palms have deployed to deadly fires across the state this week.

Three firefighters are working on a **San Bernardino County strike team** deployed to the Carr Fire in Northern California.

Capt. Danny Stamps, engineer John Hurt and firefighter/paramedic Matt Campbell were all sent to Shasta and Trinity counties on Friday.

Stamps, Hurt and Campbell are working with personnel from Wrightwood, Adelanto, Hesperia and Lake Arrowhead, said Capt. Jeff Allen, a spokesman for the firefighters union.

Six people, including two firefighters, have been killed in the Carr Fire since it began Monday, July 23. Redding fire inspector Jeremy Stoke and contract bulldozer operator Don Smith died while battling the flames.

By Wednesday afternoon, the fire had burned 115,538 acres and was 35 percent contained.

It was caused by the mechanical failure of a car on Highway 299.

Four more firefighters from the Twentynine Palms station are manning an Office of Emergency Services engine that has been traveling across the state fighting wildfires, Allen said.

Capt. Chris Hayes, engineer Jason Alexander, firefighter/paramedic Robert Gastel and firefighter/paramedic Jerry Jimenez are currently charged with protecting life and property at the Mendocino Complex.

The complex consists of two fires in Mendocino and Lake counties that firefighters have been working night and day to contain. By Wednesday morning, the fires had burned 31,898 acres and destroyed at least 10 houses. It was 38 percent contained.

Hayes, Alexander, Gastel and Jimenez were deployed to the Mendocino Complex from the Pasqual Fire, burning in San Diego County. All firefighters were released once the fire was completely contained at 365 acres Monday.

From there, the men were sent to the fast-moving Rock Fire, which destroyed 207 acres near Fallbrook, before being directed to Mendocino.

While the regular staff members of the Twentynine Palms station are working in Northern California, other county firefighters are filling in to make sure the eastern Morongo Basin is protected, Allen said.

When county personnel work on fires under another jurisdiction, like the Carr Fire, the county is reimbursed for the costs.

Because of San Bernardino County's mutual aid contracts with Cal Fire and other fire agencies, firefighters know they could be sent anywhere in California when wildfires blaze out of control.

"It is a known that at any time we could be called to assist other jurisdictions with a wildfire," Allen said. "We do have certain stations that are designated as strike team stations so if you are working there, then there is always a possibility you could be called far from home."

The same system benefits the people of the Hi-Desert when they are in need, he pointed out.

"In 2007 the Sawtooth Fire caused devastation and threatened many homes in the Morongo Basin. You can imagine the resources from all over the state that responded to assist," Allen said.

"In 2018 as wildfires threaten numerous communities and cities all over the state, your county firefighters are sent to assist. This is how the mutual aid system works."

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Blaze rips through Victorville duplex early Wednesday morning

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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VICTORVILLE — Firefighters knocked down a blaze that tore through a duplex apartment here early Wednesday morning, dousing the flames before further spread.

San Bernardino County Fire Department officials responded to reports of a blaze at an apartment in the 16000 block of Green Hill Drive at 12:11 a.m. Initial reports were of a vehicle on fire in the front yard of the home.

County Fire Cpt. Jeff Allen said the first engine arrived within six minutes and found a "well-involved vehicle and the front portion of the single-story duplex" in flames.

"County Firefighters ensured there was no threat to life by performing a quick primary search on neighboring apartments before engaging in fire attack," Allen said.

After ensuring no one was inside, firefighters got to work on the blaze, knocking down the flames in approximately 30 minutes. No injuries were reported.

Allen said fire personnel, which consisted of three fire engines, an aerial ladder truck, a paramedic squad, a chief officer and a fire investigator, remained on scene for another two hours for cleanup.

“Under County Fire’s ‘move up and cover up’ plan, the core stations in Victorville remained covered and ready to respond to additional calls for service,” Allen said.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20180801/blaze-rips-through-victorville-duplex-early-wednesday-morning>

Motorcyclist dies after head-on crash on Peach

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HESPERIA — Authorities said an Apple Valley man died from injuries he suffered in a head-on crash Wednesday.

The crash occurred on Peach Avenue near Donnert Street at around 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, according to San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department officials, and involved a 2012 Harley-Davidson motorcycle and 2011 Kia sedan.

Hesperia Sheriff’s Station service specialist Edgar Moran said the motorcyclist went into the southbound lane of Peach Avenue, directly into the path of the Kia, “for unknown reasons” as he headed north. The vehicles collided head-on.

“The motorcycle rider flew off his motorcycle approximately 15 feet,” Moran said.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel were requested for medical aid. Cpt. Jeff Allen said an airship was initially requested for “critical injuries” to the motorcyclist, but was shortly canceled.

“Transport to a local hospital was deemed more appropriate,” Allen said, but despite all measures the man died at the hospital.

The driver of the Kia did not report any injuries, Moran said, and no other injuries were reported. Further details weren’t available.

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