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SECOND VEGETATION FIRE BURNS NEXT TO LAST WEEK'S BRUSH FIRE IN FLAMINGO HEIGHTS

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Calfire photo

Calfire arson investigators are on the scene of a second vegetation fire very near where a previous fire was put out last week in the Flamingo Heights neighborhood of Yucca Valley.

Calfire Engineer Andrew Arthen said Yucca Valley firefighters were driving on Old Woman Springs Road near La Brisa Drive in the Flamingo Heights area yesterday when they saw the fire about 12:30 p.m. They immediately started an aggressive attack on the blaze. They were joined by **County fire** engines from Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms, as well as Calfire and BLM firefighters.

The blaze burned right next to where a 25-acre vegetation fire was burning last Monday. The aggressive response by firefighters confined this week's blaze to two acres. Both blazes are in the State Responsibility Area. The cause of both fires is still under investigation.

<http://z1077fm.com/second-vegetation-fire-burns-next-to-last-weeks-brush-fire-in-flamingo-heights/>

City Hall Selfie Day will be held at Fontana City Hall on Aug. 15

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National City Hall Selfie Day was held at Fontana City Hall in September of 2018. This year's event will take place on Aug. 15.

The City of Fontana will be celebrating National City Hall Selfie Day on Thursday, Aug. 15 and will be inviting residents to show off their Fontana civic pride and celebrate.

The local event will take place at Fontana City Hall, 8353 Sierra Avenue, between 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

National City Hall Selfie Day is overseen by an organization called Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL). Last year, ELGL selected the City of Fontana as the winner for Best Wrap-Up Video after the event.

City officials said the procedure for participating in National City Hall Selfie Day is as simple as 1-2-3:

- Come down to Fontana City Hall and snap a selfie.
- Post the selfie on social media using the hashtags #CityHallSelfie and #FontanaCityHall. Be sure to also tag @FontanaCA and @CityHallSelfie.

- Enjoy free coffee and donuts.

Through the tag @FontanaCA and hashtag #FontanaCityHall, participants' selfies may be shared on the City's official social media accounts and featured in the wrap-up video.

"For participants whose accounts are private, please direct message the photos to the City of Fontana's official Facebook page," said Martha Guzman-Hurtado, a city representative.

By using the tag @CityHallSelfie and hashtag #CityHallSelfie, participants will be entered to win awards or recognition from ELGL. Award categories include Best Selfie of the Day, Most Creative City Hall Selfie, Best City Hall Selfie by a Citizen and more.

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Smokey Bear, in Lake Arrowhead, celebrates 75 years of wildfire prevention

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Rowan Vondriska, 4, from Lake Arrowhead, greets Smokey Bear during a celebration to commemorate the U.S. Forest Service mascot's 75th birthday at the Mountain History Museum in Lake Arrowhead Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, while Rowan's mother Moire and sister Riley, 2, look on. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

For 75 years, Smokey Bear has been the face of the U.S. Forest Service's fire prevention efforts, teaching generations of Americans how to keep the nation's wild lands safe.

Sunday, families met Smokey at the Mountain History Museum in Lake Arrowhead to celebrate his many years of service and pose for photos, check out **San Bernardino County Fire Department's** historic Engine 13, learn about fire prevention, and enjoy cake and ice cream.

Smokey's message of personal responsibility in public lands remains relevant: According to the National Interagency Fire Center, humans caused 89% of wildfires in 2018. Here in the San Bernardino National Forest, hikers, campers and others visiting the area are urged to take extra precautions now that vegetation is beginning to dry out after a wet winter. Forest officials have elevated fire restrictions until Dec. 31, including limiting sites for camp fires and increasing smoking restrictions.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/08/11/smokey-bear-in-lake-arrowhead-celebrates-75-years-of-wildfire-prevention/>

Driver airlifted after crashing into pole on Bear Valley Road in Hesperia

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(Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A driver was airlifted from a scene of a crash early Saturday.

It happened at about 1:54 am on August 10, 2019, at the intersection of Bear Valley Road and I Avenue in Hesperia.

For reasons still unknown, the driver of a gray Dodge SUV lost control and crashed into a traffic signal pole.

Firefighters responded to the incident and extricated the driver from the vehicle.

California Highway Patrol helicopter H80 landed at the scene and airlifted the male driver to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

The driver was conscious and alert at the time of transport.

No other injuries were reported.

<https://www.vvng.com/driver-airlifted-after-crashing-into-pole-on-bear-valley-road-in-hesperia/>

Local politicians get a feel for firefighters' job

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Yucca Valley Mayor Robert Lombardo, left, and Councilman Jim Schooler, dress in turnout gear at Fire Ops 101 in San Bernardino Wednesday. San Bernardino county Fire photo

SAN BERNARDINO — Firefighters hosted government officials at a public outreach event called Fire Ops 101 Wednesday at the **San Bernardino County fire** department's training center.

Yucca Valley Mayor Bob Lombardo, Councilman Jim Schooler and county 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe all attended.

"The event was an awesome opportunity for our San Bernardino County politicians to see up close and personal the types of incidents we respond to daily as well gain a better understanding of the need for proper staffing levels and in some areas like ours the huge benefit to us that we would receive with additional staffing," said Aaron Comstock, an engineer with station 41 in downtown Yucca Valley.

Comstock helped represent the South Desert Division, which covers the Morongo Basin along with Needles and the Lake Havasu area along with the stretch of desert in between. He also is the union representative for Local 935.

One of the topics covered at Fire Ops 101, he said, was Yucca Valley's need for a new, larger downtown fire station.

The event included live demonstrations of medical emergencies, traffic collisions with extrication and live fire attacks.

"Our local mayor and councilman were able to participate hands-on and even gear up and enter a burning structure to really feel the heat, fire and smoke conditions that we encounter within a structure fire," Comstock said.

"We appreciate their involvement and support."

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_3033da5e-bae0-11e9-b5c0-9bcad3553c42.html

Tribal resort casino opening in California delayed due to unfinished parking lot

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"Things are progressing on track for the dates we had with contractors. The parking lot is the last big piece of the project," said Brian McDonald, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe's Vice Chairman.

An unpaved parking lot is standing in the way of the grand opening of the new Havasu Landing Resort & Casino on the California shoreline of Lake Havasu.

"Find me some concrete workers," said Brian McDonald, the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe's Vice Chairman, as reported by Today's News-Herald. "We're having workforce challenges in trying to get our parking lot finished. We can't invite people here if the lot isn't done."

The blazing summer heat is a contributing factor that keeps concrete finishers from completing the work. McDonald noted that all other construction work is on schedule. "Things are progressing on track for the dates we had with contractors. The parking lot is the last big piece of the project," he added.

In the spring, former tribe official Glen Lodge stated that July was the target month for opening both the new hotel and casino. McDonald said that statement was essentially true a few months ago. "We had to choose a date for the alcohol license, so we chose July 31," he said. "We've done several walk-throughs but we don't have any firm, hard dates yet (for opening) because there's no parking lot." He did note that the tribe is assembling art for the new facility and furniture was to be delivered this week.

The new casino will feature a 48-room hotel. The adjoining restaurant will be about 30% larger than the current facility's dining room, at 2,000 square feet. The casino will also be about 30% larger, at 13,000 square

feet. In addition to a 117-slip marina with a fuel dock, the new resort will have a pool, fitness center, an arcade for children and a small meeting space.

McDonald dismissed town talk that blames the delayed opening on the lack of round-the-clock fire protection. “The fire protection issue has been resolved,” he said. “We’ll have 24-hour fire service through **San Bernardino County**.”

The fire department will cover the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe reservation and other county real estate. “We have pockets of county property on the reservation,” McDonald said. “We have 32,000 to 36,000 acres of pristine desert. It runs from just north of Copper Canyon to just short of the (Havasupai) wildlife refuge.”

<https://www.yogonet.com/international/noticias/2019/08/09/50616-tribal-resort-casino-opening-in-california-delayed-due-to-unfinished-parking-lot>

ELDERLY WOMAN LEFT HOMELESS AFTER MORONGO VALLEY MOBILE HOME CATCHES FIRE

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Photo Credit Khryso Heart LeFey

A mobile home in Morongo Valley is a complete loss from a fire Friday afternoon. Morongo Valley Fire Assistant Division Chief Bob Springer said firefighters from Morongo Valley, Calfire, and **San Bernardino County** were called to the Valley View Mobile Home Park in the 10800 block of West Drive about 2:15 p.m. The double-wide home was fully engulfed with flames when they arrived. The elderly woman who lived at the home was able to get out safely; however, her two small dogs and cat have not been located yet and it’s not known if they survived. Through aggressive action, firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent mobile homes; however, some personal vehicles suffered minor damage from the blaze. Springer said the fire was knocked down in about 42 minutes. The cause is under investigation.

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