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## May 6 to 12 is Wild Fire Awareness Week

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San Bernardino County is one of the most beautiful places to live, but for those living in what are called "urban interface areas", it does not come without risks. Fire is, and always has been, a natural part of this landscape. Wildfires are now a year-round reality in San Bernardino County. This means that both firefighters and residents have to be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire.

Firefighters train hard and make countless preparations to be ready for a wildfire. According to Fire Chief Mark Harwick, residents need to do the same by successfully preparing for a wildfire. This requires residents to take personal responsibility for protecting themselves, family and property.

The Ready, Set, Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan gives residents the tips and tools to successfully prepare for a wildfire. It gives guidance on retrofitting your home with fire-resistive features. It will help residents to create the necessary defensible space around their home. The website *SBCFire.org* will guide residents on retrofitting their homes with fire-resistive features.

In an effort to increase public knowledge regarding wildland urban interface fire safety and preparedness, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department is conducting engine company based property and structural assessments in those areas identified with an increased risk for wildfire. This public outreach program is called the "Residential Assessment Program"(RAP). It is the goal of the RAP to provide citizens of San Bernardino County residing in the wildland urban interface areas with the most current information and the best methods available in an effort to protect homes and property from destructive wildfires.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact 909.386.8400 or email [countyfirerap@sbcfire.org](mailto:countyfirerap@sbcfire.org).

Being prepared for a wildfire or other fire disaster starts with making a plan. That's why the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services created the 'Ready SB' app which can be downloaded from on iTunes and Google Play and it will guide you step-by-step in creating your customized family disaster plan. During a disaster, use Ready SB to receive emergency alerts, evacuation and shelter information, live up-to-date traffic reports, contact information of nearby resources, and everything you need to know to stay safe before, during, and after a disaster.

In San Bernardino County, wildfires are often fueled by dry vegetation and driven by hot, dry "Santa Ana" winds, making them extremely dangerous and impossible to control. However, many residents have built their homes and landscaped without fully understanding the impact that a wildfire could have on them. Few have adequately prepared their families for a quick evacuation. Many don't fully know the potential consequences of choosing to ignore an evacuation order until it is too late. We always recommend that you comply with any evacuation orders resulting from wildfire.

It's not a question of "if" but "when" the next major wildfire will occur in San Bernardino County.

In a recent news release the county fire department relayed the following information:

"San Bernardino County Fire has a Ready! Set! Go! Personal Wildfire Action Plan to give you the tips and tools to successfully prepare for a wildfire. It will give you guidance on retrofitting your home with fire-

resistive features, and show you how you can create the necessary defensible space around your home. This plan will help you prepare your home, yourself, and your family so that you can leave early, well ahead of a fast-approaching wildfire.

Contrary to common belief, a wildfire does not have to burn everything in its path. In fact, clearing property of debris and maintaining landscaping are important, yet simple, first steps for residents. Following the points below, go around your house; how likely do you think your home is to survive a wildfire?

- Create a defensible area, firebreaks that divert flames around property, by clearing weeds and dry grass at least 100 feet around your home. Property on sloped areas should be cleared at least 100 feet as well, as wind-fed flames can race up hills and mountainsides quickly.
- Store flammable liquids in approved safety cans AWAY from occupied buildings.
- Keep propane tanks clear of vegetation.
- Keep all combustibles, such as firewood, lawn furniture, picnic tables, etc., away from structures.
- Clean rain gutters regularly to avoid leaf and needle accumulation.
- Clear vegetation and other flammable materials from beneath decks or other wooden structures.
- Remove tree limbs and vegetation that overhang the roof.
- Remove all branches lower than 6 feet.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- Dispose of stove or fireplace ash and charcoal briquettes after soaking them in a metal pail of water for 24 hours.
- Keep garden hose connected to faucet.
- Review your home escape plan with your family & have a fire drill exercise.
- Ensure address is clearly visible from the street.

County Fire urges residents to be prepared for a wildfire and know what to do when asked to evacuate. The READY! SET! GO! program provides important preparation information. The goal of this program is to educate and engage residents in reducing the risk in their communities, which will help save lives and property.”

<http://alpenhornnews.com/may-to-is-wild-fire-awareness-week-p8777-155.htm>

## Truck hauling birds catches fire on 15 freeway in Cajon Pass

Staff Writer, VVNG

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(Photo by Ricky Gutierrez)

**CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com)** — Fire crews responded to a truck fire on the northbound 15 freeway in the Cajon Pass Monday evening.

At 6:59 pm, dispatch received reports of a commercial truck fire between Oak Hill Road and Highway 138.

Responding units located a 20-foot box truck hauling a trailer carrying birds on the right-hand shoulder, north of the 138. Scanner traffic reported that personnel at the scene were removing the trailer away from the truck.

Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** arrived and extinguished the fire by 7:17 pm, scanner traffic reported.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, traffic on the no. 4 and no. 5 were temporarily 'held' while officials worked to unload the birds and clear the scene.

At this time its unknown if any of the animals were injured and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Motorist traveling through the area are reporting slow moving traffic as a result of the incident.

<http://www.vvng.com/truck-hauling-birds-catches-fire-on-15-freeway-in-cajon-pass/>

## Man dies in car accident at Veterans Park in Fontana on May 6

Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News

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First responders investigate a fatal vehicle crash at Veterans Park in Fontana on the morning of May 6. (Contributed photo by Fontana Police Department)

A young man was killed in a single vehicle collision in Fontana on May 6, according to the Fontana Police Department.

At 9:35 a.m., officers responded to Veterans Park in the area of Merrill and Palmetto avenues, where they located the vehicle, which was on fire after crashing into a palm tree.

Witnesses said they saw the black Infiniti G35 traveling on Merrill at a high rate of speed (approximately 80 mph) before the driver lost control and veered off the roadway. The fire was quickly extinguished.

The man, whose name has not yet been released, died at the scene. He was the only person in the car. Police are continuing their investigation of the incident.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/man-dies-in-car-accident-at-veterans-park-in-fontana/article\\_f1093ae2-5166-11e8-9456-3f84fbe92e4d.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/man-dies-in-car-accident-at-veterans-park-in-fontana/article_f1093ae2-5166-11e8-9456-3f84fbe92e4d.html)