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17 firefighters knockdown house fire in Spring Valley Ridge Saturday night

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(Photos: SBC Fire/ Facebook)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. — Firefighters with **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a two-story structure fire in the Spring Valley Ridge community Saturday night.

At about 10:30 pm, firefighters were dispatched to the 13000 block of High Crest Street in Victorville and found heavy smoke and fire from the rear of the residence.

Lori Coscino, a neighbor, told Victor Valley News she heard what she thought was fireworks.

“I heard loud pops and thought they were fireworks until I looked outside. My dog was going crazy, it sounded like fireworks were going off over my roof it was that loud,” Coscino said.

When Coscino stepped outside she witnessed heavy smoke and fire coming from her neighbor’s backyard. She called her neighbors and the fire department immediately.

Firefighters made access to the rear of the home to find a patio well involved with fire that had extended into the kitchen and living room. Fire was showing from multiple windows on the first story.

Vehicles were found in the front driveway along with initial crews receiving conflicting reports on the status of occupants. An offensive attack was initiated with priorities to search for any trapped victims.

Crews encountered zero visibility conditions with significant heat inside the structure. Truck crews ventilated from the roof above to clear conditions inside which helped clear the primary and secondary search. No injuries were reported by civilians or firefighters.

Firefighters had the fire under control in approximately 30 minutes. Fire spread and damage was limited to the rear patio, kitchen and living room. Significant smoke and heat damage was sustained on both floors.

Two truck companies, three engines, one chief officer, and one investigator for a total of 17 personnel responded to the incident. No damage estimates were available at the time of release, the cause remains under investigation.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds County residents to always have a home escape plan as well as planning for wildfire evacuations. For more information on these topics please visit www.sbcfire.org

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Motorcyclist airlifted after crashing in Adelanto

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ADELANTO, Calif. (VVNG.com) A rider was airlifted to a trauma center after a solo motorcycle crash in Adelanto Sunday afternoon.

It happened at about 4:22 p.m. on Bellflower Street just south of Cassia Street and involved a black Suzuki. **San Bernardino County Firefighters** and American Medical Response (AMR) responded and transported the motorcyclist to Fire Station 322 on Rancho Road. He was then transported by SB County Fire Department's helicopter to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

According to the riders mother, who arrived shortly after the crash, her son was suffering from severe road burn and possibly a broken hand, but is expected to survive.

Deputies are currently conducting an investigation to determine the exact cause of the crash.

<https://www.vvng.com/motorcyclist-airlifted-after-crashing-in-adelanto/>

Teen struck while walking along Palmdale Road, suffers major head trauma

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VICTORVILLE – A 17-year-old boy suffered major head trauma after he was struck by a vehicle while walking along Palmdale Road here Saturday.

According to authorities, the teenager was walking with a group of people along the eastbound shoulder of Palmdale Road, near Delgado Road, at approximately 12:08 p.m.

“Deputies determined that a white Toyota Scion was driving east on Palmdale Road in the No. 2 lane,” San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Victorville Station officials said. “For unknown reasons, the driver of the Toyota veered to the right onto the shoulder and struck one of the pedestrians.

Emergency personnel with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and American Medical Response responded to the scene and determined the victim suffered from major head trauma.

The victim was transported by AMR to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries and, according to authorities, the driver of the Toyota, who was uninjured, remained at the scene and cooperated with authorities.

The Victorville Major Accident Investigation Team was handling the collision and Palmdale Road was closed in both directions for several hours before being reopened at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Anyone with information or who may have witnessed the collision is urged to contact Deputy A. Ramos or Deputy C. Dekeyrel at the Victorville Sheriff’s Station at 760-241-2911. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or visit www.wetip.com.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180610/teen-struck-while-walking-along-palmdale-road-suffers-major-head-trauma>

Truck with trailer overturns along Amargosa Road in Victorville

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VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) On Saturday June, 9, 2018, emergency personnel responded to a rollover crash that occurred along Amargosa Road in Victorville.

It happened at about 10:45 a.m. and involved a dark-colored SUV with an attached trailer carrying SOD. The crash was initially reported as a truck that rolled off the freeway and caught fire.

However, when Firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department arrived on-scene, they reported no fire.

It appeared all occupants were out of the vehicle.

Traffic along the southbound 15 Freeway experienced a slight delay as motorist slowed to view the crash. The cause of the crash and the extent of injuries, if any, are unknown at this time.

This is breaking news, please check back for updates.

<http://www.vvng.com/truck-with-trailer-overturns-along-amargosa-road-in-victorville/>

Fire near Holiday Inn, Palmdale Road off-ramp quickly doused

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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San Bernardino County Fire Department officials quickly douse a brush fire along the I-15 and Palmdale Road off-ramp in Victorville Friday afternoon. [Paola Baker, Daily Press]

VICTORVILLE — Firefighters quickly doused a small brush fire along the Interstate 15 and Palmdale Road off-ramp Friday afternoon.

San Bernardino County Fire Department officials made quick work of the blaze, which occurred just after 12:30 p.m. Friday along the northbound I-15 and Palmdale Road off-ramp, next to the Holiday Inn.

County Fire Battalion Chief Joshua Sprague said their dispatchers received the first call around 12:36 p.m., reporting a brush fire between D and E streets “near the Mojave river bottom.”

“Our dispatch then received multiple calls reporting a fire along the off-ramp here,” Sprague said. “The ornamental vegetation here was on fire.”

With three medic engines, a water tender and a hand-crew, firefighters got the flames in check within five minutes. Sprague said the crews were expected to remain on scene for about an hour longer for mop-up.

County Fire crews have been busy dousing similar small blazes in the Victor Valley area recently, Sprague said. He urged residents to take precautions by clearing vegetation around homes and buildings.

“It might look green out there but at this time of the year, it gets very dry and could burn quickly,” Sprague said.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180608/fire-near-holiday-inn-palmdale-road-off-ramp-quickly-doused>

With quick action crucial, parents who know CPR can prevent child drownings

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Despite precautions parents take, children – if unsupervised even briefly – sometimes still fall into the backyard pool and can go unnoticed until they are unconscious.

It’s then, pediatric physician Shamel Abd-Allah said, “Minutes count.”

As temperatures rise and cool swims beckon, health and public safety officials in Southern California are urging parents to learn CPR so they can restart the heart and breathing while waiting for paramedics to arrive.

Brain damage can occur within 5 to 10 minutes, said Abd-Allah, chief of pediatric critical care at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

When a person's oxygen is depleted, the heart stops and the brain doesn't get blood.

"The brain is the least forgiving organ," Abd-Allah said Wednesday, June 6, as the hospital hosted a drowning-prevention event that included a pool party for first-graders.

The threat is real: Jim Spiers, president of Stop Drowning Now, an organization that advocates for water safety, estimated that 4,200 people will drown in the U.S. this year. Drowning has become the leading cause of death among children ages 1-4, he said, replacing traffic collisions at the top.

Hans Figueroa, of Grand Terrace, has two boys, ages 8 and 5. "They're fish," he said, as the first-graders splashed and shrieked.

Figueroa has alarms on his home's doors and a locking fence around the pool. He has also taken the precaution of learning CPR. His wife is a physician, so she knows how to give chest compressions and rescue breathing, too.

"We take it quite seriously," Figueroa said.

Classes easy to find

Opportunities to learn CPR are plentiful. It can be done online, in person or in a combination of both in one day.

Chris Fielder has been a first-aid and CPR instructor for 28 years and coordinates volunteer efforts for the American Red Cross. He said the No. 1 priority in a drowning is calling 911 for paramedics before starting CPR.

Anyone who is capable of doing chest compressions is old enough to learn, Fielder said.

He encourages potential students to sign up for classes through recognizable organizations such as the Red Cross and American Heart Association. Both have links on their websites that direct people to class sign-ups. Hospitals, community centers and private companies offer classes as well.

Students should look for instructors who keep up on the latest science of CPR. For example, Fielder said, it was once thought that the proper ratio of chest compressions to breaths was 15 to 2. Now, as research has highlighted the importance of compressions, the recommended ratio is 30 to 2.

Red Cross classes average about a dozen students, Fielder said. Classes that have one instructor for 30 students, he said, could be less effective, preventing students from getting the multiple repetitions they need to develop the skill.

The Red Cross offers classes in which the bookwork is online and the in-person skills class lasts two to three hours. An in-person class takes about five hours, Fielder said.

For those who don't have that much time, the American Heart Association posted a short video on YouTube that shows how to do chest compressions. An untrained attempt at CPR, Abd-Allah said, is better than doing nothing.

A check of some classes shows fees from \$65 to \$120, depending on what is offered. A person doesn't have to receive certification, which would be more expensive, to give CPR.

Some training offers "mouthless CPR."

"That was always a barrier for some people to do CPR. They don't want to catch a disease," Fielder said. Though Abd-Allah said the spread of disease in this manner would be unlikely.

For those still concerned, CPR mouth barriers are available online and at retail stores.

Fielder also recommends instructors who provide materials that allow the student to refresh their skills periodically.

"We have to assume people forget what they are trained to do. They might have had training through their employer 10 years ago, but then they forget," he said.

For those who already know CPR, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department along with other county agencies recently aligned with PulsePoint, a smartphone app that can alert users to cardiac arrests nearby.

First step: Prevention

Parents should also learn to swim so they can rescue someone drowning, experts said.

Karina Miyashiro, of Menifee, has boys ages 7 and 10 taking classes at Loma Linda University's Drayson Center.

"When they didn't know how to swim, it was scary for me because I don't know how to swim," Miyashiro said.

Near the Drayson pool, 15 swim goggles and cupcakes with candles were laid out on a table, each representing "birthdays that are missed" as a result of 15 children drowning in San Bernardino and Riverside counties in 2017, said Michelle Parker, a Loma Linda trauma intervention specialist who works with the hospital's Safe Kids Inland Empire.

Parker said supervision is the key to preventing those injuries.

"This doesn't happen to bad families. This doesn't happen to negligent families. It happens to everyone," she said.

The Orange County Health Care Agency offered these tips:

- Never leave a child alone near water, even for a few seconds.

- A supervising adult should be close enough to touch the child under 4 years old near water.
- Keep a constant adult eye on young children.
- All collections of water are dangerous for infants and toddlers including bathtubs, buckets, toilets, ponds, spas, swimming pools and natural water sites.
- Swimming pools should have fences, alarms and drains that meet regulations.
- Pool gates should be self-latching, opening outward, with the latch out-of-reach for a child.
- Keep ropes and buoys near a swimming pool.
- All children should wear a floatation device while playing near water. (But children wearing those have drowned, Spiers cautioned.)
- If a child is missing, check the pool first.

Also, someone should be assigned as the water watcher, Spiers said. That means not being involved in other activities or conversations. The Stop Drowning Now website offers a downloadable water watcher card that someone can wear in a lanyard.

Steve Concialdi, an Orange County Fire Authority captain/paramedic, laid out the ABCs of water safety in a video: Active adult supervision, Barriers and Classes – swimming and CPR.

“Children are drawn to the water,” Concialdi said in the public service announcement. “They think that’s play time. They see their brothers and sisters playing in the water. They’re used to Mom and Dad holding them, and they like to play in the bathtub.”

“They don’t see the danger,” he said.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/06/08/with-quick-action-crucial-parents-who-know-cpr-can-prevent-child-drownings/>