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LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSIGNED TO HELP WITH CALIFORNIA FIRES

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Donnie Vioria, Tech Rescue Trainer photo; Dan Munsey

Just as one local firefighter returned from spending a week fighting the Woolsey fire, another firefighter left to do his part in the Camp fire in northern California.

County Fire Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle left November 9 and spent a week on the line protecting structures in Thousand Oaks and West Hills.

Firefighters battling the blaze spend 24 hours on and 24 hours off. Tuttle returned to the Morongo Basin November 16. On Monday, November 19, County Fire Battalion Chief Donnie Vioria and Assistant Fire Chief Dan Munsey of Yucca Valley left for a two-week assignment to the Camp fire.

Managing editor Tami Roleff says their mission will not be fighting fires, however...

County Fire Battalion Chief Donnie Vioria, one of two chiefs stationed in the Morongo Basin, is the leader of a 29-member platoon of an urban search and rescue team. He and his team, to include Assistant Fire Chief Dan Munsey of Yucca Valley, were mobilized early Monday morning to go the Camp fire in northern California to search for human remains.

Vioria said the Butte County Sheriff's Department is overwhelmed and doesn't have the resources to search the large number of buildings for residents who may have been killed in buildings that were destroyed in the fire.

Vioria said he wouldn't know until this morning when they show up for their first assignment if they'll be assisted by search dogs or heavy equipment in their search for human remains.

The team has committed to serving for two weeks, although he added that they could be sent home earlier if they're not needed.

<http://z1077fm.com/local-firefighters-assigned-to-help-with-california-fires/>

Victorville, CA Helmet Cam - San Bernardino County firefighters at work

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(San Bernardino Co FFs)

San Bernardino Co FFs - Incident Video Release: On October 30th, 2018 at 05:54AM SBCoFD responded to a residential structure fire in the 15800 block of Fresno St in the City of Victorville. Medic Engine 311 arrived on scene in approximately 5 minutes. BC148 reported heavy smoke and fire coming from Alpha, Bravo & Charlie sides of the home.

Medic Engine 311 initiated an offensive interior attack. Truck crews supported the search efforts of the reported trapped occupants. The fire was ultimately declared out approximately 35 minutes later. San Bernardino County Fire responded with 3 paramedic engines, 1 truck company, 1 paramedic squad, 1 battalion chief and 1 investigator for a total of 16 personnel. Two civilians with minor burns & cuts were transported to a local hospital for evaluation. No injuries to fire personnel. The cause is currently under investigation.

<https://www.firefighternation.com/articles/2018/11/victorville-ca-helmet-cam.html>

Woman, 22, killed in Apple Valley crash identified as Amber Stanford

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APPLE VALLEY, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The California Highway Patrol identified the woman killed in Apple Valley Saturday night as Amber Stanford, 22 of Hesperia.

Stanford was pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash that occurred on November 17, 2018, on Rock Springs Road west of Deep Creek Road.

CHP Officials say Stanford was driving a 2002 Ford Explorer east on Rock Springs Road at a high rate of speed when the crash happened.

“Due to the curve in the road and the speed of the Ford, the vehicle drifted across the westbound lane of traffic, collided with a raised concrete curb and overturned several times down an embankment,” officials confirmed.

Stanford was partially ejected and became pinned under the Ford.

Investigators say Stanford was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

San Bernardino County Fire and AMR arrived on scene and pronounced Amber Stanford deceased at 11:47 p.m. Saturday night.

The crash is still under investigation by the California Highway Patrol Victorville Station.

<https://www.vvng.com/woman-22-killed-in-apple-valley-crash-identified-as-amber-stanford/>

Two men die in house fire in San Bernardino on Nov. 19

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Two men died because of a fire which destroyed this house in San Bernardino on Nov. 19. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

Two men died as a result of an early-morning residential fire in San Bernardino on Nov. 19, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Firefighters responded to a report of a two-alarm fire early in the 3600 block of N. Arrowhead Avenue in the City of San Bernardino and found flames erupting from the roof and windows of the single-story, 3,000 square foot Tudor style home. Neighbors told firefighters there were residents still inside the house.

Firefighters immediately conducted a search of the home and found one man deceased near the front door. Continuing the search through billowing fire and smoke, firefighters located another man in a back-bedroom unconscious. They were able to rescue the man from the burning home just prior to the roof collapsing.

Firefighter Paramedics rendered medical aid and transported the victim to a local hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Despite downed power lines and the collapsing roof, firefighters contained the fire in just under an hour and kept it from spreading to an adjacent home.

Two truck companies, eight engines, two medic squads, two chief officers, and two investigators, for a total of 38 personnel, responded to the incident.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire investigators. It is unknown if there were working smoke detectors in the home. The home was destroyed by fire and is a total loss. Damage estimates were not immediately available.

"San Bernardino County Fire reminds residents to provide two means of escape from every room and make sure everyone knows where to meet after leaving the home. Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household. Remember, never return to a burning building for any reason," said Tracey Martinez, a representative of the Fire Department, in a news release.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/inland_empire_news/two-men-die-in-house-fire-in-san-bernardino-on/article_5e7393fe-ec29-11e8-816b-173fe61665e7.html

Father, son perish in San Bernardino house fire

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SAN BERNARDINO - (INT) – Two men perished in an early Monday morning fire that razed a Tudor-style home.

Flames were pouring out the windows and through the roof of the home in the 3600 Block of North Arrowhead Avenue when first-responders pulled up.

Firefighters immediately found one man dead near the front door and the other unconscious in a rear bedroom. That victim later died at a local hospital.

Neighbors said the victims were a father and his adult son.

Firefighters avoided fallen power lines and a collapsing roof preventing flames from spreading to an adjoining home.

The cause of the 2-alarm fire was not immediately determined, but there was no indication of foul play.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=52861>

Two Dead in Fire That Destroyed San Bernardino House

Jonathan Lloyd and Annette Arreola, NBC 4 News

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Firefighters battled extreme heat and thick smoke during a house fire Monday that killed two men in San Bernardino.

The fire at the two-story house was reported at about 2 a.m. in the 3600 block of North Arrowhead Avenue.

Firefighters, who faced thick smoke inside the home, found a man dead in the residence. A second man found in the home later died at a hospital.

"Firefighters in the midst of that rescue faced high heat, zero visibility -- we did have a roof collapse from an AC structure that fell through the roof," said Christopher Prater, of the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The fire was knocked down in about one hour.

Neighbors told NBC4 that a father and son live at the home.

"Our neighbor was over there, trying to beak the door open, pounding on windows, trying to wake them up," said resident Marci Padilla. "It's horrible."

Firefighters have not determined a cause.

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/San-Bernardino-House-Fire-500823092.html>

Two men killed in early morning San Bernardino house fire

HANNAH FRY, Los Angeles Times

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Two men were killed after a fire tore through a home in San Bernardino early Monday.

The fire was reported about 2:15 a.m. at a house in the 3600 block of North Arrowhead Avenue. By the time crews arrived, flames had already erupted through the roof and windows of the single-story Tudor-style home. Firefighters pulled two men from the burning home, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

One of the men was found dead near the front door. Firefighters searched through billowing smoke and found another man unconscious in a bedroom in the back of the house. They carried him outside just before the roof collapsed.

The man sustained major injuries and was taken to a hospital, where he later died. Firefighters contained the blaze in just under an hour, but the house was completely destroyed, according to the fire department.

Authorities have not identified the men. Investigators are trying to determine what sparked the blaze, but said it did not appear to be suspicious.

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-deadly-house-fire-20181119-story.html>

San Bernardino Fire Kills Two Residents

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SAN BERNARDINO – Two lost their lives as a result of a San Bernardino house fire early Monday morning.

San Bernardino County firefighters responded to the report of a fire in the 3600 block of N. Arrowhead Avenue at around 2:15 a.m. When they arrived they found fire billowing from the roof and windows of the single-story, 3000 square foot home. Neighbors told firefighters that the residents of the home were still inside, leading them to search the interior of the home.

As the firefighters searched, they found a deceased man near the front door of the home. Braving through the heavy smoke and spreading fire, the firefighters continued their search. During the search, they located another man in a bedroom in the rear of the home. The man was unconscious but the firefighters quickly removed him from the home just before the roof collapsed. The victim was transported to the hospital where he died as a result of his injuries.

Despite downed power lines and the collapsing roof, firefighters contained the fire in just under an hour and kept it from spreading to an adjacent home. A total of 38 personnel responded to the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and it is unknown if the fire alarms were working. The home was a total loss.

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<https://247headline.com/san-bernardino-fire-kills-two-residents/>