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Man arrested for DUI after crashing into utility pole Wednesday night in Hesperia

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A man was arrested for DUI after crashing his Toyota SUV into a utility pole Wednesday night.

It happened at about 10:43 pm on August 7, 2019, in the 7300 block of Lincoln Avenue between Maple and Cottonwood Avenue in Hesperia.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded and located a single vehicle with major damage and power lines down across the roadway. A water meter was also damaged.

Sheriff's spokesman Edgar Moran said the driver, Steve Segura, 35, displayed signs of being intoxicated and admitted to deputies consuming both alcohol and marijuana earlier in the evening.

Segura had a BAC of .166. Segura was arrested and booked into High Desert Detention Center for VC23152(b) and VC23152(g).

Residents in the area said it took crews many hours to complete repairs and have everything cleaned up. No injuries were reported.

<https://www.vvng.com/man-arrested-for-dui-after-crashing-into-utility-pole-wednesday-night-in-hesperia/>

Fontana celebrates National Night Out; see photos

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Members of the Miss Fontana Court gathered with San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel at the National Night Out event in Fontana on Aug. 6. San Bernardino County firefighters gathered for a photo.

Fontana celebrated the 36th annual National Night Out, along with many other communities nationwide, on Aug. 6.

National Night Out promotes Neighborhood Watch, strengthen police-community partnerships, and celebrates the building of a safer, more caring community. The event is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Fontana's event, which drew a large crowd at Miller Park, had a goal of providing an evening of unity by offering resources in spreading awareness of the fight against crime.

There were many static displays from various units within the Fontana Police Department, **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, and American Medical Response, along with several other vendors. Free food was provided to the attendees.

----- U.S. REPRESENTATIVES Norma J. Torres (CA-35) and John Rutherford (FL-04) introduced H.Res. 535, a bipartisan resolution to recognize Aug. 6 as National Night Out.

“In light of the horrific tragedies in Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton, now more than ever, police and communities must come together in a show of solidarity. As a former Neighborhood Watch Block captain, I know that’s what makes National Night Out such an important event,” said Torres, whose district includes much of Fontana. “We can’t control when tragedy strikes, but we can encourage cooperation between law enforcement and the communities they serve to develop an escape plan no matter where they’re going -- whether it’s a church, concert, theater, or local shopping mall -- to keep everyone safe year-round.”

In addition to getting to know their local law enforcement officers and taking part in their own Neighborhood Watch groups, constituents are encouraged to consider the following helpful tips to help prevent crime and promote safer neighborhoods:

- Lighting is one of the most important crime deterrents. Consider installing lights on a timer to give would-be thieves the impression that people are home.
- Follow your instincts. If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. If the person continues to follow you, move quickly toward an open store, restaurant, lit house, or more populated area.
- Make sure your family, especially children, know when and how to dial 9-1-1.
- Help your child memorize their own address and phone number.
- Look up your local police and emergency services departments and keep important phone numbers in an easily accessible location.
- Only use 9-1-1 in cases of emergency. Direct non-emergency calls to the appropriate non-emergency number in your community to help keep 9-1-1 lines open for true emergencies and life-threatening situations.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fontana-celebrates-national-night-out-see-photos/article_5e0ab0ac-ba1c-11e9-981e-fb12c25ed508.html

Body of California man recovered in Lake Havasu

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The Mohave County Sheriff's boats

Courtesy—News-Herald archives

A Havasu Lake man was found dead on Thursday afternoon by local authorities after he jumped from a cliff in Lake Havasu earlier in the day.

After being initially reported missing, Dane Jay Shields, 28, of Havasu Lake, California, was discovered by a team of divers from Lake Havasu Police Department just after 4 p.m. near a Lake Havasu landmark known as the Sandbar.

According to Sheriff's officials, Shields was seen leaping from a cliff at the Sandbar. The victim disappeared beneath the surface, witnesses reported, and did not resurface.

The investigation is ongoing.

This has been the second such disappearance in little more than one month, after the July 6 disappearance of a Victorville teenager under similar circumstances. The victim in that case attempted to perform a flip while leaping from a cliff at the sandbar, and landed poorly, witnesses said in July. His body was located the following morning with assistance from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

https://www.havasunews.com/free_access/body-of-california-man-recovered-in-lake-havasu/article_d8fe15ba-ba3a-11e9-957f-8b616606d483.html

Music Festival Expands Interest

Michael Palecki, Mountaineer Progress Newspaper

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The Fire on the Mountain Musical Festival, presented last Saturday at the Wrightwood Community Building, was more than just music. In addition to nine performances of all genre, the Wrightwood Blues Society initiated a community Wall of Fame and inducted the first two individuals to be honored. Proceeds will benefit the Wrightwood Fire Station and be used to repair the Sno-Cat, a unique rescue snowcat vehicle for winter terrain, which was on display at the event.

Beginning the eight-hour extravaganza on the Community Building stage, Arin Coyl played a very accomplished acoustic guitar while Brittan Egnozzi sang snappy renditions of classic Pop songs. Audience favorites included songs of David Bowie, Crissie Hynde and a sweet rendition of Ozzy Osbourne's "Mama, I'm Coming Home."

Wrightwood Blues Society President Greg Jones then delivered an overview of the grant process involved to produce Wrightwood's creative community Wall of Fame. Designed by artist Ric Rice, the first two names on the large wall plaque are Lora Steinmann and John Burcher. Steinmann was honored for more than 50 years

of dedication as Director of the Snowline Players Children's Theatre. As a testimonial to her theatrical magic, teenager Davy Schneider acknowledge that Steinmann taught him everything he's learned about singing, acting, and dancing since the age of six.

Burcher was included for his years of presenting multi-genre events to the Alpine Village, which introduced the community to previously unheard musical and theatrical expressions. As a teaser for 2020 Wall of Fame inductions, Jones disclosed that Ric Rice will be nominated for his significant body of paintings, sculptures and ceramic drums, all accomplished at the same time he was designing signage and logos for an array of community organizations.

Continuing with music, Michelle Schneider sang powerful strong vocals accompanied on guitar by Walter Foley. From the modulated staccato spoken word lyrics of Joni Mitchell to a melodramatic delivery with pizzazz guitar scatting for the Beatles "Honey Pie," the Steve Miller song "Abracadabra" added passion to the interesting mix.

Meanwhile on the parking lot stage, Universal Dudes were ready to perform Grateful Dead Covers. Musicians included Dave Leicht and Mark Barrera singing vocals and playing acoustic and electric guitars, while Jeff Mitchell played drums, Dave Cimino played percussions, and Walter Foley was featured on bass guitar. Although every song was a crowd favorite, "Friend Of The Devil," "Sugaree," and "U.S. Blues" stood out, while "Fire On The Mountain" was the perfect finale.

The next band-Bodi Mountain Express- was loaded with the star power of Chuck Stuart on Dobro guitar, Chuck Stewart on vocals/ upright bass, Chuck Tucker on mandolin, Jim Shank playing banjo and David Sandell on acoustic guitar and harmonica. Along the way playing bluegrass and country selections, Gayle Dowling, Brittan Egnozzi and Michelle Schneider were added as vocalists for sweet harmonies. From that configuration, "Rock Me Mama," "Midnight Train" and "The Flame Dies" were notable.

Continuing, the band Lipstick Red was going through the process of reinventing itself, not so much with new songs but rather with new band mates. As Eric Arellano switched to keyboards, Josh Costa played bass guitar, with Brittan Egnozzi singing lead vocals and playing rhythm guitar, and Dave Pruitt changed it up to play lead guitar. On drums, Tony Egnozzi kept the beat. The overall effect was that favorite songs penned by Brittan became bolder, especially the closing anthem "Shake It Up."

Back at the Community Building, rumors that something special was about to occur proved to be true as additional chairs were needed. Jeremiah Gonzales, a former piano student at Keyboard Art School of Music, was performing with his newly formed band. Musicians included Judah Hooper playing acoustic guitar, Andre Alviso on bass guitar, and Alex Hamilton playing an array of percussion instruments. Performing mostly compositions he had written, along with two from motion picture music scores, the song "Nocturne" was played with a piercing right hand and a rambling left. There were also selections sung with a higher voice and one with dueling voices. Loud vocals competed with percussions, tough-guy lyrics and romantic lyrics, and female dancer Chayla performed a dazzling jazz ballet.

Outdoors as dusk was setting, Gayle & Company drew from their energetic songbook, just before Smoothie Jones slowed things down with cool Reggae dance music to close Fire on the Mountain.

Gayle, on behalf of Centerstage, would like to thank everyone who helped make the concert a success, "We have a \$600 donation for the Fire Department, and that's after everyone was paid!" She gave a shout-out to Pat, at the Wrightwood Market. "He donated all the wine, beer, and ice for the event."

<http://mtprogress.net/home/august082019text.html>

San Bernardino County firefighters provide glimpse of daily life with hands-on workshop

Rob McMillian, ABC 7 Eyewitness News

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (KABC) -- **The San Bernardino County Fire** Department hosted a hands-on workshop to provide a glimpse of what firefighters go through on a daily basis - and they invited local elected leaders and members of the media.

From medical calls and car accident scenes, to attacking structure fires, I took part in all of the simulations during my day as a firefighter. But the smoke and fire was quite real.

Once I was suited up in head-to-toe protective gear, I entered a room with a controlled fire made to mimic a structure fire. Temperatures in the room reached between 200 to 300 degrees.

It got really dark. The black smoke enveloped me and then my fingers started burning.

That's something that most firefighters feel while battling flames, which can take a toll on your senses.

"Like sight, your hearing's a little off. The heat alone is screaming at you in your head," said San Bernardino County firefighter John Marini.

Once I extinguished the flames with a fire hose, I moved on to the other simulations and started to pick up a few things to keep in mind at home.

Firefighters say sleeping with your bedroom doors closed is an effective tool stop the lateral spread of fire, should one start in your home.

Fires also burn much hotter and faster than they used to, mostly because of everything inside the modern home.

"Petroleum-based products, LCD screens, carpeting, window treatments and curtains. The coffee table that's made of some polyurethane or plastic," said Marini. "That stuff is not what we used to put in homes in the 50s."

And, of course, have an exit plan for everybody in your family.

<https://abc7.com/a-glimpse-into-daily-life-of-a-san-bernardino-county-firefighter/5453478/>

Crash in San Bernardino knocks over county fire department ambulance

Richard K. De Atley, The Sun

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A **San Bernardino County Fire** Department ambulance wound up on its side Thursday morning after it was struck by a car in an intersection as it was carrying a patient, with its lights and siren on, authorities reported.

The two ambulance operators, the patient inside, and the driver of the car involved in the collision were all treated at the scene and taken to hospitals with non life-threatening injuries, department spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said.

The impact of the 9:40 a.m. crash at the intersection of 40th Street and north Waterman Avenue rolled the ambulance on its side.

Its crew was able to notify the department's dispatch center and ask for help, then began treating others at the scene, Martinez said in a news release.

More county fire crews went to the scene and took over treatment and transportation of the injured, she wrote. The ambulance, MA26, is based in Twin Peaks.

"The inside of the ambulance was pretty destroyed," Martinez said Thursday afternoon. The extent of damage was still being evaluated, she said.

The ambulance crew and their patient were all in restraints and seat belts; Martinez said it was not known if the driver of the car was wearing a seat belt. No one other than the driver was in the car. The crash was under investigation by San Bernardino police.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/08/08/crash-in-san-bernardino-knocks-over-county-fire-department-ambulance/>

Four Injured in 2-Vehicle Collision Involving Ambulance

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – Four were injured after a traffic collision between a **San Bernardino County Fire Medic Ambulance** and a second vehicle.

On Thursday, August 8, 2019, at around 9:40 a.m., the ambulance (MA26) was involved in a traffic collision at 40th Street and N. Waterman Avenue in the City of San Bernardino. The ambulance, stationed in Twin Peaks, was transporting a patients with lights and sirens activated. The patient was being transported to San Bernardino Hospital, when the collision occurred, causing the ambulance to roll onto its side. The crews immediately notified dispatch and requested assistance and rendered aid to those injured.

Additional San Bernardino County Fire crews responded and continued rendering aid. "Firefighter Paramedics provided medical assistance to the initial ambulance patient, two SBCoFD ambulance operators,

and sole occupant/driver of the other vehicle involved in the collision,” San Bernardino County Fire Department Spokeswoman Tracey Martinez in the news release. “All four were transported to local hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.”

All of those in the ambulance were restrained and in seat belts. It’s unknown if the other driver was wearing a seat belt. The accident is under investigation by the San Bernardino Police Department.

<https://247headline.com/four-injured-in-2-vehicle-collision-involving-ambulance/>

Four people are hurt when ambulance is involved in two-vehicle traffic collision in San Bernardino

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This ambulance overturned when it was involved in a traffic collision in San Bernardino. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

Four people were hurt when an ambulance was involved in a two-vehicle traffic collision in San Bernardino on Aug. 8, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

At about 9:40 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire Medic Ambulance 26 (MA26) was involved in the accident at the intersection of 40th Street and N. Waterman Avenue.

MA26, stationed in Twin Peaks, was transporting a patient Code 3 (lights and sirens) to a San Bernardino hospital when the crash occurred at the intersection, causing the ambulance to roll on its side. Following the collision, crews notified dispatch and requested assistance, then immediately rendered aid to injured parties.

Additional San Bernardino County Fire crews responded and continued rendering medical aid.

Firefighter Paramedics provided medical assistance to the initial ambulance patient, two SBCoFD ambulance operators, and sole occupant/driver of the other vehicle involved in the collision. All four were transported to local hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

Ambulance personnel and the patient were in restraints and seat belts at the time of the incident. It is unknown if the other driver was wearing a seat belt.

The accident is under investigation by the San Bernardino Police Department.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/inland_empire_news/four-people-are-hurt-when-ambulance-is-involved-in-two/article_ac2444e8-ba1b-11e9-aa1e-837e61a7c0b2.html