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Firefighters Rescue Trapped Passengers

Christian Shepherd, Mountain News

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[Photos by Anthony Trefethen]

The driver and one passenger of a Nissan truck needed to be freed from a collapsed truck by the **San Bernardino County Fire** after the driver of the vehicle lost traction and ran into a tree on the side of the road, causing severe structural damage and laying the truck on its side.

The crash happened at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Monday as the vehicle traveled westbound on Daley Canyon Road. All four occupants of the vehicle sustained minor to moderate injuries and were transported by ambulance, according to a news release from San Bernardino County Fire.

Two of the passengers were able to leave the car via the back doors after the crash, but the two passengers in the front of the vehicle were trapped by the damaged frame and needed to be freed by firefighters using the Jaws of Life.

Firefighters removed the vehicle's roof in order to free the driver and front seat passenger, according to the same news release.

Michael Kern, a local resident who lives across the street from the crash site, said the area where they lost traction is often iced over, due to rain and snowmelt runoff, which possibly contributed to the vehicle's loss of control.

Anthony Trefethen, another local resident, said the impact of the crash sent the car battery flying more than 20 feet down the road.

California Highway Patrol is currently investigating the cause of the accident.

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_5a8f8b6e-466d-11e9-ac60-3f2741ef0077.html

Big changes at County Fire

Terri Hill, Mountaineer Progress

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May 19, 2016: **SB County Fire** Captain Steve Roeber from Station 14 reported to the Wrightwood MAC on Monday, the new Battalion Chief for Wrightwood, Phelan, and the city of Hesperia is Kelly Anderson. Anderson's assignment fills a vacancy left by Chief Jeff Birchfield when he promoted to Division Chief and transferred to Division 1. Chief Anderson commented briefly in regard to her new assignment and the opportunity to become familiar with the Tri-Community area.

Roeber also explained that American Medical Response (AMR), an ambulance company, is contracted with San Bernardino County. Because AMR is unable to keep all of their ambulances staffed, the county units will be moved around to help accommodate shortfalls in coverage. For Wrightwood, it means that the reserve ambulance, only staffed in winter, from Station 14 has been moved down to the Oak Hills area for the time being. At the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council meeting Tuesday night, Captain Bolesworth stressed that even when our community needs a second ambulance, it has to come from an outlying area, as the reserve unit in town was not in service.

Additionally, Roeber updated the MAC on the state of San Bernardino City Fire, as that agency has been absorbed into County Fire because of the city's financial problems.

<http://mtprogress.net/neighborsneighborhood/ourneighborsinthenews.html>

Ready to survive: Fair is packed with help to get prepared for disaster

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Marjorie Smith, left, of the Morongo Basin Community Organizations Active in Disaster team, and granddaughter Chelsey Moody welcome people to the Yucca Valley Community Center Saturday.

YUCCA VALLEY — People learned practical emergency skills and preparedness tips from a variety of demonstrations, classes and presentations during a community safety day Saturday at the community center.

The free preparedness day, called Help Yourself — Help Your Neighbor had booths teaching things like basic first aid and bandaging and sharing information on what people need for 72-hour emergency kits.

Marjorie Smith of the Morongo Basin Community Organizations Active in Disaster team helped organize the event with the help of town of Yucca Valley staff members.

“I now have the core of what I need with this event,” she said. “It’s all coming together.”

The Morongo Basin COAD activates during a disaster to assist the community.

Smith stressed the importance of being prepared before a disaster strikes.

“People need to buy things beforehand,” she said.

Booths also provided information on emergency plans for pets and families along with how to store food, sanitize water and shut off household gas safely.

Presentations also showed how to stop bleeding using tourniquets and what to do if you encounter a downed power line.

Dogs from the HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response team showed how they and their owners provide therapy during disasters. The dogs on display included Wall-e, Daltrey and Star.

Jodi Smith, who owns Daltrey, an Australian Labradoodle, said she is happy to participate in the event.

“For the first time it’s great,” Smith said.

Star, an Australian shepherd born on the Fourth of July in 2009, caught the eye of children at the event. Star’s owner said her rescue dog, who loves to be loved, assists at many major disasters and helps survivors.

“She really loves belly rubs,” said Bari Boersma, who lives in Temecula.

Three-year-old Abbie-Lynn Jensen followed the three dogs around the room, mesmerized by their calming nature. Her mother, Shanna Jensen, works with the county’s Emergency Services Department and had a booth at the event.

“They made it a lot bigger,” Jensen said. “It’s really great!”

Pastor Stephen Jones of Crossview Church in Yucca Valley also helped provide emergency information. He shared informational sheets on how to get connected to your neighbors, especially before disasters strike.

“It is a practical way to love your neighbors,” Jones said.

Jones’ two daughters, Heidi, 11, and Abigail, 8, also helped.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel showed lifesaving CPR techniques at the event. Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle provided information with the presentation “Until Help Arrives” as firefighters taught short, ongoing classes on hands-on CPR.

In a disaster, communication is critical and the local radio station was on site helping provide information.

“You can turn your phone into a radio,” said Gary Daigneault, the news and program director of 107.7 radio station.

Roel Ruiz, who is new to the Morongo Basin, was thrilled to find out how to turn his cellphone into an emergency radio. Ruiz switched his phone on the spot with Daigneault’s help.

Dan Coleman with the American Red Cross provided a presentation on what the region’s Red Cross does to help people during disasters and throughout the year.

Coleman, who is based in Rancho Cucamonga, said he was happy to be part of the event.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_195ff640-45f2-11e9-a541-0bc07d42515f.html

Man injured in rollover crash on I-15 freeway Wednesday morning

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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A rollover crash on the southbound I-15 freeway prompted multiple lanes to close. (Hugo C. Valdez, Victor Valley News)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A man was transported to a local hospital after his vehicle overturned on the I-15 freeway Wednesday morning.

It happened at about 9:19 am, on the southbound I-15, about half a mile south of Main Street.

For reasons still under investigation, a silver Honda Civic struck the rear driver side of a semi, causing the vehicle to overturn and block several lanes of traffic.

The driver of the semi told Victor Valley News he was on his way to park his truck at the nearby Pilot.

“I was in the slow lane doing about 55 mph and suddenly my truck jolted. I looked in my mirror and saw the car flipping over,” stated the driver who lives in Hesperia.

Several people stopped to check on the driver of the overturned vehicle including registered nurse Lisa Painter, of Barstow.

Lisa said she pulled over and climbed thru the chain linked perimeter fence along the freeway and assisted in getting the driver out of the vehicle.

“I’m a nurse so it’s part of my job to help,” said Lisa.

The male driver of the Honda sustained a major gash over his eye and was complaining of neck pain. He was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital for further treatment.

Southbound traffic was backed up for several miles due to the accident blocking all lanes. A CHP officer used his patrol vehicle to push the vehicle onto the shoulder, allowing another lane of traffic to open.

The driver of the semi was shaken up but uninjured.

The cause of the accident is currently under investigation by the California Highway Patrol Victorville Station.

<https://www.vvng.com/man-injured-in-rollover-crash-on-i-15-freeway-wednesday-morning/>

Little League to honor veterans and first responders

Rene Ray De La Cruz, Daily Press

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VICTORVILLE — One local Little League will use its Opening Day Ceremony to honor local heroes while launching the start of baseball season.

Officials with the Victorville American Little League told the Daily Press Wednesday they plan to honor veterans and first responders during Saturday's Opening Day Ceremony at Sunset Ridge Park.

The honorees will take the field and walk down a living hallway of approximately 300 baseball and softball players, shake their hand, give them high-fives and wave patriotic flags, VVALL Treasurer and Fundraiser Coordinator Rhonda McDaniel told the Daily Press.

"We've invited the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, AMR, veterans and Congressman Paul Cook," McDaniel said. "Our kids will be waving flags and they'll be releasing red, white and blue balloon in honor of our vets. We'll also be treating our heroes to a free lunch."

McDaniel the ceremony is an opportunity to teach children the importance of recognizing, honoring and thanking the people who serve the nation and our country.

"As a board, we decided that we needed to give back to our veterans and first responders by thanking them," McDaniel said. "Our veterans are the ones who gave us the freedom and ability to have this opening day, and our first responders are the ones who keep us safe."

The ceremony will also include a variety of festivities, food and several ball games at the park located south of Hollyvale Innovation Academy.

The Opening Day Ceremony and festivities are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Ridge Park, 12808 Eucalyptus St. in Victorville. For more information, email irisheyes75_1msn.com or visit www.facebook.com/victorvilleamerican

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