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Loma Linda University Children's Health Donating Supply Kits for Safe Surrendered Newborns

Staff Writer, 24/7 Headline News

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – The most selfless thing some mothers do when they can not care for their newborn is turn their newborn over to the Safe Surrender locations, including most fire departments.

When the babies arrived, some are prepared, but most are ill-equipped for the arrival of a newborn. This is why Loma Linda University Children's Health will be donating supply kits to all full-time **San Bernardino County Fire** Departments. These kits include a blanket, newborn diapers, a onsie, and a beanie to properly care for the infants surrendered at the fire stations throughout the county.

“As a result of the amazing generosity of LLUCH, SBCoFD personnel will be fully equipped to maximize the possibility of a comfortable arrival of safely surrendered babies to hospitals where they can be monitored and cared for while they await their next steps towards a loving home,” San Bernardino County Fire Department officials said.

As most know, California enacted the Safe-Haven law in 2001, allowing parents to surrender their newborn within 72 hours of birth to a hospital and fire departments, as of 2004. This policy was developed to prevent newborn infants from being abandoned resulting in serious injury or death. The law specifies that the person with lawful physical custody, after surrendering the child, have 14 days to change their mind and reclaim the baby. To date, nearly a thousand newborns have been taken to a safe surrender site.

“Loma Linda University Children's Health generous donation has helped ensure that the Safe Surrender program remains a tremendous resource for the citizens of San Bernardino County,” said Interim Fire Chief Don Trapp. “Ensuring the safety and security of these babies and their mothers is one of the many ways the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District remains committed to integrity, compassion, professionalism and service. The Safe Surrender program remains a viable and loving option – no questions asked, regardless of your circumstances.”

On January 28, 2019, at around 8:40 p.m. a young mother turned over her newborn twins to Hesperia firefighters. Fire stations that are not staffed full-time are not considered a Safe-Surrender site; however, these stations have a phone located outside the station that will connect directly to the dispatch center. Safe-Surrender signs are displayed at all surrender locations.

<https://247headline.com/loma-linda-university-childrens-health-donating-supply-kits-for-safe-surrendered-newborns/>

Smokey Bears 75th Birthday Party August 11, 2019

Michael P. and Susan A. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Come to the Mountain History Museum and help Smokey celebrate his 75th birthday (File Photo)

Lake Arrowhead, CA – Smokey Bear is celebrating his 75th birthday at the Mountain History Museum in Lake Arrowhead. The party will be Sunday, August 11, 2019, from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Smokey Bear will be there and they will have **San Bernardino County historic fire engine #13**. There will be cake and ice cream to celebrate the birthday.

The Mountain History Museum is located at 27176 Peninsula Ave., Lake Arrowhead, CA

<https://rotwnews.com/2019/08/01/smokey-bears-75th-birthday-party-august-11-2019/>

Sheriff's helicopter hoists injured hiker in Big Falls to safety

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Redlands Community News

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An 18-year-old San Jacinto man slipped on wet rocks above Big Falls and fell 20 to 30 feet, suffering serious injuries Wednesday afternoon. He was hoisted out of Forest Falls and taken by a sheriff's helicopter to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment.

The victim, Julian Jaimes was attempting to climb to the top of the waterfall, according to a press release by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. **San Bernardino County Fire** Department personnel determined that he was unable to hike out on his own and called the sheriff's helicopter 40K6 responded at 1:30 p.m. The crew confirmed a hoist rescue was required to safely extricate Jaimes from the rocky terrain

“Sheriff's rescue helicopter Air Rescue 306 responded and lowered rescue personnel to Jaimes,” the release said. “Jaimes was placed into a rescue basket, hoisted up to the helicopter and transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center with serious injuries.”

https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public_safety/sheriff-s-helicopter-hoists-injured-hiker-in-big-falls-to/article_89302e3c-b46e-11e9-88f3-d3058b516b30.html

Police and fire departments search for arson suspect

Staff Writer, Highland Community News

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San Bernardino Police and **County Fire** departments are collaboratively investigating a suspected arson believed responsible for starting a large brush fire in San Bernardino on Wednesday, July 31.

According to a San Bernardino Police press release, on Wednesday the San Bernardino Police Department received a mutual assistance request from the San Bernardino County Fire Department, regarding a large brush fire that originated in the residential community of the 900 block of W. Marshall Blvd. Several police officers arrived and assisted with traffic control and scene containment. Firefighters from multiple agencies responded and extinguished the large brush fire.

Wednesday evening, County Fire reported that the fire had burned approximately 70 acres.

Investigators contacted numerous residents and ascertained a description of an arson suspect. Witnesses described the suspect as a 20-to-25-year-old black male about 6-feet to 6-feet 2-inches tall with thin build and dark complexion. He was last seen clean shave and wearing a black sweater and white shorts.

According to the investigation, the suspect started the fire fled prior to police and fire arrival. This is a collaborative investigation and anyone with further suspect information is urged to call San Bernardino Police CIO A. Saenz at (909) 384-5653, Sergeant M. Aranda at (909) 384-5642, or record the helpful tips to the San Bernardino County Fire Department at (909) 355-8800.

https://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/police-and-fire-search-for-arson-suspect/article_6ab96850-b47e-11e9-888d-2fdf3e329265.html

Arson Suspect Sought as Blaze Spreads to 70 Acres in San Bernardino

Erika Martin, KTLA 5 News

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Crews use a bulldozer as they battle a brush fire in San Bernardino on July 31, 2019, in an image released by the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

Investigators are searching for a man believed to have sparked a blaze near homes in San Bernardino that grew into a brush fire on Little Mountain.

Firefighters responded shortly before 2 p.m. to flames burning in vegetation on the 900 block of West Marshall Boulevard in the Shandin Hills neighborhood, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The fire, which at first covered a quarter acre of light fuel, eventually spread to about 70 acres. It was 70% contained, officials said.

Around 3:20 p.m., the Fire Department said it was defending structures. The agency tweeted video and a photo of a smoldering hillside near a large residence.

Firefighters were also battling the flames from multiple flanks on Little Mountain.

By 4:45 p.m., about 143 firefighters were on scene along with a water tanker, dozers and several hand crews and engines. Crews were expected to remain on scene overnight.

San Bernardino police spoke with residents in the area where the blaze originated who said a suspected arsonist fled the scene before authorities arrived.

The suspect was described as a black man in his early 20s. He had a thin build and measured about 6 feet to 6 feet, 2 inches tall, officials said.

The man was clean shaven last seen wearing a black sweater with white shorts.

Anyone with information can contact Officer Saenz at 909-384-5653, Sgt. Aranda at 909-384-5642, or the Fire Department at 909-355-8800.

<https://ktla.com/2019/07/31/arson-suspect-sought-as-blaze-spreads-to-70-acres-in-san-bernardino/>

Police looking for arson suspect after 70-acre brush fire on Little Mountain in San Bernardino

Robert Gundran, The Sun

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Fire crews with the San Bernardino County Fire Department working to combat the Marshall Fire on Little Mountain in San Bernardino (Photo Courtesy of the San Bernardino County Fire Department)

A small fire that started at just a quarter-acre on Wednesday afternoon on Little Mountain in San Bernardino spread to 70 acres by the evening, and the San Bernardino Police Department was looking for a man suspected of arson.

Chris Saucerman, spokesman for the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, said the department first received a call about the fire at 1:50 p.m., and the first fire engine arrived at the scene quickly after.

Since the first engine arrived, officials said on social media that 10 additional fire engines, 12 brush engines, two dozers and five water tenders had joined the fray. Aircraft also dropped fire-retardant onto the burn area, which reached 55 acres as of 4:45 p.m. By 10:08 p.m., the fire was measured at 70 acres with 70 percent containment.

Roughly 143 firefighters were on the scene combating the fire, according to Saucerman.

“It seems that we’ve mitigated any threat to structures at this time,” Saucerman said. He added that no evacuations were in place, but Marshall Boulevard was temporarily closed from North I Street to West 30th Street.

The San Bernardino Police Department said its assistance was requested from the county fire agency for traffic control and scene containment.

While police were at the scene, investigators spoke with residents and got a description of an arson suspect, officials said.

Authorities described him as a man between 20- and 25-years-old. He was between 6 feet and 6 feet 2 inches tall. Police said the man was clean shaven with a thin build, and was last seen wearing a black sweater and white shorts.

Saucerman said county fire investigators were gathering information on what caused the fire on Little Mountain and two other fires in the San Bernardino area Wednesday. No injuries were reported.

Fire officials said the Hillside Fire started near Monte Vista Drive and Highland Avenue at around 3:40 p.m. Its forward progress was stopped at 2.5 acres at around 5:10 p.m. Another fire, dubbed the Waterman Fire near Waterman Avenue and 7th Street, started at around 3:45 p.m., and its forward progress was stopped at two acres at around 4:15 p.m.

Anyone with information on the suspect or how the fire started can call the San Bernardino Police Department at 909-384-5642 or 909-384-5653. People can also give tips to the San Bernardino County Fire Department at 909-355-8800.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/07/31/1-detained-as-crews-fight-55-acre-brush-fire-on-little-mountain-in-san-bernardino/>

2 Babies Found Near California Dumpster, 1 Dies

Staff Writer, NTD.com News

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Police are investigating the death a newborn who may have been delivered and left behind a business in Fairfield, California.

Fairfield police officers responded Tuesday evening to a call about a woman who seemed to have just given birth to two infants.

The caller said the babies looked like they had been “birthed on the sidewalk behind the businesses,” police said in a news release.

Once they arrived, authorities found the two newborns but not the mother.

One officer began lifesaving efforts on one of the babies. “This infant was transported to a local hospital and is reported to be in stable condition at this time,” police said. The other infant had died prior to police arrival, police said.

Police searched the surrounding area and found a woman nearby who appeared to have recently given birth. She was detained and taken to a local hospital for treatment, police said.

California’s Safe Haven Law protects the mother or surrendering person, from criminal prosecution if they surrender the baby to a designated “safe-surrender site” within 72 hours of birth.

The baby and parent, or person with legal physical custody, both receive a confidentially coded ankle bracelet upon arrival. Under the law, the parent or surrendering person has 14 days to reclaim the baby if they change their mind by bringing their coded bracelet back to the site.

After a baby is received, he or she is examined, receives medical treatment if needed, and then placed in a foster or pre-adoptive home. This policy was developed to prevent newborn babies from being abandoned, which is dangerous, illegal, and often results in the death of the child.

From 1999 to 2018, 3,524 newborns were surrendered using Safe Haven laws, 1,397 newborns were illegally abandoned, 773 newborns were found dead, and 462 newborns were found alive, according to National Safe Haven Alliance.

“You may have heard stories about babies being left in dumpsters, public toilets, or other unsafe locations. The parents abandoning their babies may have been under severe emotional or financial stress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and felt they had nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their baby,” according to the California Department of Social Services website.

The Law was first introduced in California in 2001 but formally signed into law in 2006. From January 2001 to December 2017, 931 newborns were surrendered in California and in 2017, 88 newborns were surrendered. A total of 33 babies have been reclaimed since 2001.

In Los Angeles County, a baby surrendered on Jan. 10 became the 151st baby surrendered in the county since 2001 and the first of 2019.

“One hundred and forty-nine families have been blessed, 149 mothers made the right decision, 149 children have the right to grow up and be whatever they want to be because of the love and the care of the safe-surrender families,” Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe said in a video posted to the L.A. County Safe Surrender Facebook page.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors designated **San Bernardino County fire** stations as Safe Haven sites in 2004. Only fire stations staffed full-time are considered safe-surrender sites. All designated sites have safe-surrender signs displayed.

The CNN Wire and NTD reporter Kimberly Hayek contributed to this report.

https://www.ntd.com/2-babies-found-near-california-dumpster-1-dies_363977.html

Brush fire burns 16 acres near Rabbit Dry Lake in Lucerne Valley

Martin Estacio, Victorville Daily Press

Posted: July 31, 2019, 8:19 PM



A possible campfire site burns in Lucerne Valley on Wednesday evening where firefighters found two burned camping chairs, a water bottle and cut firewood. The official cause of the fire is still under investigation. [Martin Estacio, Daily Press]

LUCERNE VALLEY — A brush fire that began on a rocky mountainside Wednesday evening charred 16 acres before being fully contained as of noon Thursday, authorities said.

The first call for the fire came in at around 6:15 p.m., said **San Bernardino County Fire Department** Battalion Chief Bill Villarino.

Crews found the blaze burning in steep, rocky terrain north of Highway 18 near High Road and Rabbit Dry Lake, west of the Lions Club Gun Range.

By 9 p.m. the fire's spread was halted, county fire officials said.

Crews on the mountainside worked as the sun set to put out smaller spot fires, Villarino said.

Villarino said the cause of the fire is still under investigation, but that firefighters had found camping equipment near where it possibly started.

Two burned camping chairs, a water bottle and cut firewood lay near where flames still burned, he said.

Shortly after 9 p.m., responsibility for the incident was transferred to the Bureau of Land Management, which has jurisdiction over the area in which the fire burned.

BLM Fire Chief Paul Gibbs told the Daily Press the fire was 100% contained as of noon Thursday and that two BLM engines remained on scene.

The blaze in Lucerne Valley was one of several fires county firefighters battled on Wednesday.

Over 140 firefighters and firefighting aircraft worked to extinguish a 70-acre fire that scorched Little Mountain in the city of San Bernardino.

One person was detained in connection with the fire, fire officials told the San Bernardino County Sun.

A county spokesperson told the Sun that two other smaller fires also broke out in the afternoon, but were stopped at about two acres each.

Staff writer Garrett Bergthold contributed to this report.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20190731/brush-fire-burns-16-acres-near-rabbit-dry-lake-in-lucerne-valley>

Fire Ops 101

Tracey Martinez, SBCF PIO, Grand Terrace City News

Posted: July 31, 2019



San Bernardino County Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 935, in partnership with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District, will host FIRE OPS 101, a daylong program in which participants experience hands-on firefighting and rescue operations under the controlled supervision of professional Firefighters and Paramedics.

WHAT: This workshop will demonstrate fire and emergency medical service operations, from suiting up in the proper protective gear to performing auto extrications to extinguishing fires. Each of the scenarios will give participants the opportunity to experience what our Firefighters and Paramedics face on a daily basis and see how challenging it is to keep our communities safe across 19,293 square miles of diverse terrain in San Bernardino County.

WHO: San Bernardino County Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 935, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, City & County Elected Officials and Staff, and Members of the Media.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Participant Check-In: 7:30AM

Workshops: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

WHERE: Richard Sewell Training Center 2824 W Street San Bernardino, CA 92415

WHY: Live simulations offer the chance to see, feel, and use the same equipment and protective gear that are vital to Firefighter safety. Participants will don self-contained breathing apparatus, battle a live fire, and will learn to recognize and respond to fire behavior events, such as flashover. In addition, they will learn about how County Fire Crews provide advanced life support to a victim of a heart attack and engage in technical rescue operations.

REGISTER: Visit www.sbcfireops101.com to confirm attendance. Media outlets are invited to register a reporter to cover the event or to participate. Pre-registration is required by contacting Local 935.

CONTACT: SBCoFD Captain Jeff Allen, IAFF Local 935, (909) 547-4489 (cell), VP2@iafflocal935.org

<http://grandterrace.citynewsgroup.com/articles/fire-ops-101>

Fire in Valley of Enchantment – Update 4 Monday, July 31, 2019 5:34 p.m.

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UPDATE 4 – MONDAY, JULY 31, 2019 5:34 P.M.

The Pine fire has been contained and was held to 1 acre. Thank you to the firefighters.

UPDATE 3- Wednesday July 31, 2019 2:53 P.M

All aircraft with the exception of one helicopter have been cancelled, also some inbound resources have been cancelled.

UPDATE 2- Wednesday July 31, 2019 2:41 P.M.

The fire is being called the Pine Fire. Air attack 12 is over the fire in Valley of Enchantment.

UPDATE 1- Wednesday July 31, 2019 2:31 P.M.

Units on scene report initial acreage of less than 1 acre. Heavy fuels and multi- agency response.

ORIGINAL STORY

Crestline, CA – Reports of a fire in the 22900 block of Redwood Way, Valley of Enchantment. Smoke is showing behind the back of the reported address. It is unknown where it is coming from. 40 acres of forest behind the address. Responding units from **San Bernardino County Fire**, U.S. Forest Service and Calfire.

Will update as more information becomes available.

<https://rotwnnews.com/2019/07/31/fire-in-valley-of-enchantment/>