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LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS PITCH IN FOR YUCCA VALLEY'S MIRACLE LEAGUE

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Monday nights bustle during softball season at Brehm Family Recreation Center in Yucca Valley. That's when The Miracle League of the Hi-Desert, an affiliate of Basin Wide Foundation, holds its weekly softball game for people—mostly children—with special needs. Reporter David Haldane explains how local firefighters have pitched in to help...

"Batting first tonight for the Pirates, Elija Gonzales.... Elija drives up one the middle and heads down the line to first..."

The first thing you notice about a Miracle League softball game is the abundance of fire trucks. The second is the incredible smiles on the faces of the players.

They are people with special needs. The trucks are from Firefighters Local 935 whose members come to help. "It's a great time and it's just nice to be part of this whole thing. It's nice to see the kids have fun."

That's Danny Stamps, a captain at fire station #41 in downtown Yucca Valley. He's one of several firefighters who show up at Brehm field every Monday during the season to act as "buddies" to the players. Among other things, the firefighters stand with them at bat, help wheelchair-bound softballers traverse the bases and offer general support.

The rewards, Stamps says, are palpable.

"And he hits it to deep left field.... Home run!!!"

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Record \$7 million donations from San Manuel to pay for replacement of San Bernardino fire stations

Brian Whitehead, San Bernardino Sun

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Turnouts at the ready on the apparatus floor of San Bernardino County Fire Station 221 in San Bernardino, Friday, July 12, 2017. (File photo by Eric Reed/For the Sun/SCNG)

Two dilapidated fire stations in San Bernardino will be replaced thanks in large part to a record \$7 million donation from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

In return, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District will provide the reservation a reciprocal exchange of fire, rescue and emergency medical services over 10 years. The partnership aims to better protect San Bernardino residents and neighboring tribal lands by lowering response times during emergency situations.

Announced late last month, the partnership has been in the works for about a year, county fire officials said. The agreement becomes effective July 1, according to a news release.

Dan Munsey, assistant county fire chief, said San Manuel's donation "will allow the district to avoid budgeting the millions of dollars that are required for the significant modifications that these stations need to ensure the safety of our firefighters."

There currently is no definite timeline for the stations' replacement, Munsey said Tuesday, June 12, via email. "We are in the process of making data-driven decisions regarding when and where those stations will be located," he added.

County fire officials will take into account historical and predictive call load, historical natural disasters and target hazards when determining the stations bound for restoration, Munsey said. A new fire station costs between \$4 million and \$7 million.

San Bernardino County fire has nine stations in San Bernardino, many of which started as modular buildings officials intended to move to high-volume locations, Munsey said. Over time, those stations were placed on permanent foundations, which led to infrastructure problems.

Some stations have been in service for more than 50 years.

While San Manuel has its own fire department, San Bernardino County fire has 70 active stations countywide. In addition to holding joint training opportunities for county and tribe firefighters, the district will provide the tribe equipment repair, aerial truck response and fuel reduction over the life of the agreement.

Both agencies are working on an operating plan that includes a large automatic aid component, county fire officials said. San Manuel will deposit the first of two \$3.5 million payments when that operating plan is completed and signed.

The second deposit is expected to occur in fiscal year 2019-20.

San Manuel officials were not immediately available for comment Tuesday, June 12.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/06/12/record-7-million-donation-from-san-manuel-to-pay-for-replacement-of-san-bernardino-fire-stations/>

Victorville City and SB County Fire announce approval of 9-month contract extension

Staff Writer, VVNG

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(San Bernardino County Fire VVNG.com undated file photo)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. – Today, the City of Victorville and **San Bernardino County Fire** joined forces to announce approval of a nine-month extension to their existing fire services contract.

The announcement followed this morning's vote by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in favor of the extension and just one week after the extension was approved by the Victorville City Council.

Under the terms of the agreement, San Bernardino County Fire will continue to provide fire protection services for the City of Victorville, excluding aircraft rescue firefighting services at Southern California Logistics Airport. The contract extension will run from July 6, 2018 to March 30, 2019 and cost approximately \$11.4 million.

As previously reported, the City will provide its own fire protection services at the conclusion of this holdover contract with San Bernardino County Fire.

<http://www.vvng.com/victorville-city-and-sb-county-fire-announce-approval-of-9-month-contract-extension/>

Firefighters douse Pinon Hills mobile home blaze

Staff Writer, Daily Press

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PINON HILLS — Firefighters were able to douse a blaze at a mobile home here before it spread to further brush Tuesday afternoon.

Reported just before 1 p.m., the fire occurred at a property near Del Rosa and Gitano roads, according to **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials, who responded within minutes and found a fire at a double-wide mobile home.

The flames then extended to nearby vegetation, according to County Fire Battalion Chief Kenny Halseth. While black smoke and flames billowed, responding units were able to get the flames quickly under control.

The blaze was knocked down at around 1:30 p.m. No injuries were reported, Halseth said.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20180612/firefighters-douse-pinon-hills-mobile-home-blaze>

Adelanto Council meeting: On the agenda

Staff Writer, Daily Press

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The Adelanto City Council will convene at 7 p.m. Wednesday for its regularly scheduled meeting in council chambers at City Hall, 11600 Air Expressway. Notable items on the agenda include:

- Approve a new 10-year contract with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department through June 30, 2028. Proposed costs increased to \$4.47 million annually, up \$318,147, and will be adjusted each year no less than 2 percent and no more than 6 percent
- Public hearing and approval of resolutions related to levy and collection of assessments for the Adelanto Landscape Maintenance Assessment District for fiscal year 2018-19
- Public hearing and approval of resolutions related to levy and collection of assessments for the Adelanto Streetlight Maintenance Assessment District for fiscal year 2018-19
- Public hearing for appellant and recommended upholding of Planning Commission's earlier approval of 98,270-square-foot retail center on vacant land at the northwest corner of Verbena and Palmdale roads
- Hear and approve Councilman Charley Glasper's nomination for appointment to the Planning Commission
- Approve contract for acting City Manager Brad Letner

Meetings can be watched live online and viewed as archived versions at ci.Adelanto.ca.us.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20180612/adelanto-council-meeting-on-agenda>

1 ejected, 1 trapped in Helendale crash on National Trails Highway/ Route 66

Staff Writer, VVNG

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Single vehicle rollover crash in Helendale on June 12, 2018. (Photo Credit: Steve Cardinalli)

HELENDALE, Calif. (VVNG.com) At least two people are in critical condition following a single-vehicle rollover crash Tuesday evening.

The incident was reported at about 6:10 p.m. and involved a silver 4-door sedan that was traveling on National Trails Highway just south of Murphy Company Road near the S-Curve.

According to initial reports, one person was trapped and another person was ejected. A helicopter landed at the scene to transport at least one person to Loma Linda University Medical Center. It's unclear if the second person was transported by a ground ambulance or helicopter.

"Those curves are very dangerous if you don't travel them often and [if you] go too fast," said local resident Danielle Boyd in her post in the Life In Helendale/ Silver Lakes, CA group on Facebook.

"Too fast is an understatement. I moved out of his way and he passed me like I was parked," Steve Cardinalli said in response to Boyd's post.

According to the California Highway Patrol logs, drugs/ and or alcohol is suspected to be a contributing factor in the collision.

A media request to CHP and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department requesting additional information has been placed.

<http://www.vvng.com/1-ejected-1-trapped-in-helendale-crash-on-national-trails-highway-route-66/>

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