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Fire burning near Cajon Pass now 80% contained

Josh Cain & Quinn Wilson, Los Angeles Daily News

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Firefighters work to contain a wild fire at Sycamore Canyon in San Bernardino on Sunday, Dec. 27. (Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino National Forest)

Firefighters in San Bernardino County were nearing containment on Sunday evening of a brush fire burning near the Cajon Pass that sent up a large plume of smoke on Saturday, Dec. 26.

The Pitman fire was 80% contained as of 6:20 p.m., according to Lisa Cox, spokeswoman for the San Bernardino National Forest. The fire has burned around 45 acres.

Cox said that firefighting efforts went well on Sunday and despite winds from the south and southwest, no flareups were spotted. Cox said the forest will not have any fire engines staffed there over Sunday night.

“The fire will not be declared cold and out until the storm moves through (Sunday night),” Cox said.

Multiple fire agencies brought in air tankers and ground crews to attack the fire, which was burning in Sycamore Canyon, up the side of a steep hill east of Lytle Creek Road and northeast of the 15 freeway.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation.

Cox said the predicted precipitation for Monday may affect firefighters’ work. However, they were scheduled to have two engines and one contract crew on scene Monday.

Forest officials said on Twitter said Saturday ground crews were working in difficult terrain to try to get a handle on the brush fire, and that strong winds from the winter storm could threaten their progress.

“Firefighters will continue working within this steep terrain to seek out and extinguish any remaining hot spots as incoming winds test their containment lines,” they said.

Cox said the fire’s incident commander and battalion chief were “appreciative” of the firefighter’s “good spirits” despite a very challenging fire season.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2020/12/27/fire-burning-near-cajon-pass-now-60-contained/>

Duncan fire in Fontana is extinguished

Brian Rokos, The Press-Enterprise

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A helicopter makes a drop on the fire line as **San Bernardino County firefighters** work from the ground in high winds to contain the Duncan fire between I-15 and Sierra Avenue in Fontana on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. (Photo by Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

The Duncan fire that burned in northern Fontana was extinguished at about 12:40 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said.

Officials determined that the wildfire had burned 140 acres after additional mapping, down from the 150 acres previously reported.

Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said crews working through the night put out the final hot spots and that all firefighters have been released from the scene.

The spread of the flames had been mostly stopped by Wednesday evening.

The fire was first reported at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday in the area of Duncan Canyon Road and Sierra Avenue. It briefly threatened homes in the area of Casa Grande Avenue and Sierra Way.

The cause of the fire, which produced smoke visible from as far away as Riverside County, remained under investigation.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2020/12/24/full-containment-on-duncan-fire-in-fontana-is-expected-thursday/>

Vehicle goes out of control and smashes into two parked cars in Fontana on Christmas Day

Gilbert Gonzalez, Fontana Herald News

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A vehicle went out of control in northern Fontana and crashed into two parked cars on Dec. 25, according to the Fontana Police Department. (Contributed photo by Gilbert Gonzalez)

At about 1:15 p.m., a man was driving recklessly and failed to negotiate a turn, said Officer Kevin Anderson. The suspect drove onto several people's lawns and collided with two parked vehicles in a driveway in the 5400 block of La Bodega Way.

The two parked vehicles, along with a residence, sustained damage.

The driver was trapped in the vehicle and had to be extricated by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Drugs were allegedly located inside the vehicle and the suspect, identified as 26-year-old Erik Vicuna, was arrested, Anderson said.

There were no reports of injuries to anyone living in the neighborhood.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/vehicle-goes-out-of-control-and-smashes-into-two-parked-cars-in-fontana-on-christmas/article_d0fa9626-47b1-11eb-b281-271ddba3cb01.html

A&E Network's 'Live Rescue' First Responders Come From Several Locations

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When it comes to a profession that is a mix of selflessness, bravery, and toughness, first responders fit this mold completely. They're the backbone of what keeps our society afloat; they're the good people who step in when many others wouldn't and this year that's become more evident than ever.

For A&E Networks' Live Rescue, the locations of the first responders are all over the country. With the show, viewers get a glimpse of the challenges the fire departments and rescue squads face in several cities across the United States. So where are these locations? Here's what we know.

What are the 'Live Rescue' locations?

A&E Network's documentary television series Live Rescue is a spin-off of the popular show Live PD. This show aims to bring awareness and perspective, and highlight the important work that firefighters and EMTs do, all who are usually the first on the scene when the emergency number is called due to a fire or accident.

Live Rescue aims to give viewers a full view of what the job entails, so there are several squads or teams across the country featured on the show. The series has aired three seasons and has featured many different agencies.

The St. Louis Fire Department in Missouri, Hamilton County EMS in Tennessee, Sacramento Fire Department in California, Mesa Fire and Rescue Department in Arizona, Paterson Fire Department in New Jersey, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** in California, and Tallahassee Fire Department from Florida have all been featured.

The network only recently announced a new season of 'Live Rescue' was coming.

Earlier in 2020, A&E announced it was canceling the reality show Live PD after the nationwide protests against police brutality erupted all over the country.

To watch Season 3 of Live Rescue, viewers can tune into A&E at 9 p.m. ET on Fridays.

<https://www.distractify.com/p/live-rescue-locations>

New Law To Assist Inmate Firefighters

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Over the course of 2020, California has seen over 9,500 fires and over 4 million acres of land burned. In 2020, catastrophic wildfires stretched the State of California and firefighting crews to the near breaking point. In response, Assembly Bill 2147 was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in September. With the law set to take effect in the new year, reporter Cassidy Taylor has the details...

For decades, thousands of inmate firefighters have battled wildfires across the state, working alongside professional firefighters in the same hazardous conditions. Assembly Bill 2147 will make it easier for inmate firefighters to earn an emergency medical technician certification after their release by expunging their felony record. The certification is often the first step in becoming a professional firefighter in most cities and counties. With their record eliminated, they could be considered for EMT programs and jobs the same as any other applicant. Former inmates convicted of violent offenses, including murder, kidnapping and arson, would automatically be ineligible from having their records expunged. California has approximately 3,700 incarcerated people working in the inmate firefighting program, with about 2,600 qualified to work fire lines.

<http://z1077fm.com/local-news/todays-full-newscast/>

A Reminder To Properly Dispose Of Your Real Christmas Tree

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Many residents take down their Christmas trees the day after Christmas, while others like to enjoy them into January. Whatever you do, if you use a real tree, **the county fire department** reminds residents to properly dispose of your tree when it begins to dry out. Managing editor Tami Roleff has these tips for getting rid of your real tree...

Dried-out real trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Avoid a mess when removing your tree by placing a large plastic tree bag (available at hardware stores) underneath the tree stand. Pull the bag up around the tree, stand and all, and carry it outside. The fire department urges residents not to burn Christmas trees in home fireplaces, as the pitch in the wood creates huge, fast-moving sparks that can jump right out of the fireplace and into your room, or up the chimney and onto the shingles of your roof, potentially causing a fire.

Residents can recycle their holiday greenery. Make sure your tree is free of ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree stands, nails, or any other debris. Leave your tree at the curb on your regular trash day, through January 9. Do not put it in your trash can. Or bring trees to drop-off locations behind the Twentynine Palms City Hall and Yucca Valley Town Hall.

<http://z1077fm.com/2020/12/28/>

Ten persons in family are homeless after their house and vehicle are destroyed by fire

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Ten persons in a family are now homeless and seeking the public's help after their house and vehicle were destroyed by a fire in San Bernardino recently.

Jesse Chavez wrote a message on a GoFundMe page about the incident, which took place in the 2100 block of N. Sierra Way on Dec. 20.

He said that a problem in the car caused the engine to catch on fire, and the resulting blaze spread to the house.

The Sierra Fire was knocked down by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and there were no reports of injuries, but the family is now devastated by the loss of both the home and car.

"It's unfortunate that this had to happen so close to the holidays," Chavez said. "Any donation, even \$1, is greatly appreciated."

Persons wanting to help the family can visit the GoFundMe page at:

<https://gofund.me/2a122281>

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/inland_empire_news/ten-persons-in-family-are-homeless-after-their-house-and-vehicle-are-destroyed-by-fire/article_01ba6f3e-461d-11eb-bdc6-8f1bc7c1178f.html

Pedestrian receives major injuries in Highland Avenue collision

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On Dec. 25, 2020, at about 8:26 p.m., deputies from the Highland Station and emergency personnel from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to a traffic collision involving a pedestrian and a gold 2008 Honda Accord on Highland Avenue east of Victoria Avenue in the city of Highland.

Through preliminary investigation it was determined a 33-year-old male pedestrian, for unknown reasons, was in the eastbound number two lane of Highland Avenue. The Honda Accord driven by a 42-year-old female was traveling east on Highland Avenue in the number two lane east of Victoria Avenue. The Honda struck the pedestrian and immediately stopped to call 9-1-1. Emergency personnel arrived and provided life saving measures. The pedestrian was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center in critical condition.

https://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/pedestrian-receives-major-injuries-in-highland-avenue-collision/article_fbba99f2-4937-11eb-aa85-d3ffef74981f.html