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Wind spreads flames in mulch piles at recycling business in Ontario
Brian Rokos, The Press-Enterprise
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Firefighters work to extinguish a mulch fire at RWP Landscape Materials in the 7200 block of Chino Avenue in Ontario Thursday Feb. 18, 2021.
The fire was reported at 1:20 a.m. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Firefighters in Ontario on Thursday morning, Feb. 18, appeared to have contained a wind-driven fire that engulfed several mulch piles at a recycling business and sent smoke into the air that could be seen for miles.

The fire was reported at 1:20 a.m. on the property bordered by Euclid and Chino avenues.

No structures had burned, though some outbuildings had been threatened, Ontario Fire Department Battalion Chief Scot Roeber said.

Two large piles of hay did burn when the wind, blowing at an estimated 20 to 25 mph, propelled embers from the mulch.

The flames, being pushed to the southwest, were so far contained to the property. The business grinds green waste into compost, Roeber said.

“(The wind) definitely aided in the spread of the fire, and it’s hampering our extinguishment efforts now,” Roeber said at 10:15 a.m. “But the wind is dying down a bit.”

No injuries were reported.

The property owner provided equipment to tear apart the mulch piles, which Roeber estimated at 15 to 20 feet high. The fire will be put out only by tearing the piles apart to reach the center, he said.

Roeber said mulch piles can sometimes spontaneously catch fire because heat builds up inside them, but that the cause of Thursday’s fire was under investigation.

The Rancho Cucamonga, Chino Valley and San Bernardino County fire departments, along with Cal Fire, assisted on the blaze.

By Thursday evening the Fire Department was handing the blaze over to the property owner to finish extinguishing after reducing the threat of the fire spreading. The fire could produce smoke for the next couple of days, Roeber said.

San Bernardino County, CA: Semi truck crash along northbound U.S. Route 95 just south of Palm Gardens, Nevada

San Bernardino County, California: Semi truck crash has occurred along U.S. Route 95 just south of Palm Gardens, Nevada.

The crash was initially reported to dispatch at 2:30 a.m. PT on Friday, February 19th, 2021 about two miles south of the California state line with Nevada.

According to the California Highway Patrol Traffic Incident Information Page, both directions of U.S. Route 95 were blocked due to the crash, but motorists are now able to get by the crash.

Medical Engine 32 from San Bernardino County Fire Department’s Station 32 in Needles, California and California Highway Patrol are on scene.

As of 4:03 a.m. PT; Medical Engine 32 tells Com-Center that one patient delay and refusing transport.

Motorists can avoid the area U.S. Route 95 between Interstate 40 and the Nevada state line by using Nevada State Route 163 to Needles Highway to Interstate 40 as an alternate route.

We have limited information about a house fire in Yucca Valley this morning. Firefighters were called to the fire in the 58200 block of Carlyle Drive at 7:08 a.m. this morning (February 19). County Fire Battalion Mike McClintock said the fire was knocked down in about 15 minutes. A fire investigator has been called to the scene.

http://z1077fm.com/house-fire-in-yucca-valley-under-investigation/
Highland Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Event- Household Hazardous Waste Sat  
Mar 6, 2021  
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Join the #SBCoFD Household Hazardous Waste team on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 9 AM to 2 PM at AutoZone, 27292 Baseline Road, Highland.

Bring your Used Oil and Oil Filters to Recycle and Exchange for up to a $15 oil filter voucher! (max 2 vouchers per household) Masks are required. 1 used oil filter= 1 filter voucher

San Bernardino County residents can receive free funnels, oil containers and other oil recycling items! (limited quantities)  
Only San Bernardino County residents. (proof of county residency required)

Come learn about other San Bernardino County Fire Household Hazardous Programs to help keep our community clean!
For more information, call 1-800-Oily Cat(645-9228) or visit Greensb.net.

You may also like the following events from San Bernardino County Fire:

This Saturday, 20th February, 09:00 am, Hesperia Used Oil Filter Exchange and Recycling Event in Hesperia  
Next month, 1st March, 01:00 pm, San Bernardino Reuse Store - Household Hazardous Waste in San Bernardino  
Next month, 13th March, 08:00 am, Trona: Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Trona

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SAN BERNARDINO (LLN) - On Friday morning, February 19, 2021, the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to reports of a commercial structure fire at a pet store. The fire was reported around 1:33am at Granero's Feed & Pet store in the 1300 block of W. 9th Street. The first arriving engine company reported heavy smoke and fire coming from the single-story commercial building. Firefighters made an aggressive fire attack however; the fire was able to spread to a nearby appliance store. Unconfirmed reports indicated at least one dog was found alive and several animals may have perished in the fire. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

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