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## Fire in Santa Ana River bottom in Riverside stopped at 27 acres

Quinn Wilson, The Press-Enterprise

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Cal Fire Hemet-Ryan Helitack 301 makes a water drop on a brush fire in the Santa Ana Riverbed west of Ryan Bonaminio Park in Riverside on Sunday, February 21, 2021. (Photo by Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

Air and ground crews contained a 27-acre brush fire in the Santa Ana River bottom in Riverside on Sunday afternoon near Ryan Bonaminio Park.

The River Bottom fire was reported at 2:40 p.m., the Riverside Fire Department said. Winds drove the fire into heavy and medium brush, Battalion Chief Tony Perna said.

The fire's forward progress was stopped at 27 acres and it was at 10 percent containment Sunday night. Fire crews planned to stay throughout the evening to monitor it, according to Perna.

There were homeless encampments in the area of the fire and their inhabitants self-evacuated at the request of the Fire Department. No injuries were reported to anyone, Perna said.

The Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department assisted in fighting the blaze. A Cal Fire helicopter dropped water on the fire.

No structure damage was reported.

The fire's cause was under investigation.

<https://www.pe.com/2021/02/21/brush-fire-breaks-out-in-river-bottom-near-riverside-park/>

## Needles, CA: Small vegetation fire is out along westbound Interstate 40 near West Park Road

Zachary Lopez, ZachNews

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Needles, California: Small vegetation fire is out along westbound Interstate 40 near West Park Road.

The call came in at around 10:37 a.m. PT on Sunday, February 21st, 2021 reporting a small vegetation fire along westbound Interstate 40 just between East Broadway and Five Mile Road.

Firefighters from **San Bernardino County Fire** Department's Station 32 responded to the initial reported location of a small vegetation fire off the right hand side of the interstate.

As of 10:49 a.m. PT, Medical Engine 32 tells dispatch that they're in the area east of East Broadway trying to locate the small vegetation fire.

As of 10:57 a.m. PT, Medical Engine 32 tells dispatch that they can't locate the small vegetation fire in the area.

As of 10:58 a.m. PT, Dispatch tells Medical Engine 32 that California Highway Patrol is on scene at mile marker 139 which is the West Park Road on-ramp onto westbound Interstate 40.

As of 11:00 a.m. PT, California Highway Patrol reports the fire is now out.

As of 11:07 a.m. PT, Medical Engine 32 tells dispatch that they are on scene, the fire is out and doing overhaul, and to cancel all other responding fire department units.

Cause of the fire is not yet known.

<https://zachnews.net/2021/02/21/breaking-news-needles-ca-small-vegetation-fire-is-out-along-westbound-interstate-40-near-west-park-road/>

## Needles, CA: Person confirmed dead and another person injured in vehicle crash off the off-ramp from eastbound Interstate 40 to U.S. Route 95

Zachary Lopez, ZachNews

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Needles, California: Firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department's** Station 32 are responding to a vehicle that has crashed into a water ditch along U.S. Route 95 near Interstate 40.

The crash initially came into dispatch at 1:31 p.m. PT on Friday, February 19th, 2021 in the area of U.S. Route 95 near Interstate 40; map location from the California Highway Patrol's Traffic Incident Information Page showing the U.S. Route 95 that goes to Searchlight, Nevada.

But as firefighters from the San Bernardino County Fire Department's Station 32 were responding to the location given by dispatch, they passed by a vehicle crash matching the description of the call, and after verifying the call's location, Medical Engine 32 responded to the updated location near U.S. Route 95 near the Needles Riverview Cemetery.

ZachNews was on scene of the crash where San Bernardino County Fire Department's Station 32, Baker Emergency Medical Services, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Colorado River Station and California Highway Patrol were also on scene.

According to the California Highway Patrol's Traffic Incident Information Page, one person injured, 66 years old and x-ray, and other person x-ray and non-responsive; both trapped in the vehicle that crashed into a cement ditch off the south side of the off-ramp.

As of 2:54 p.m. PT, the California Highway Patrol has confirmed to ZachNews that there is a fatality in this crash, and a second person was injured in the crash who was transported to a hospital.

No name has been released yet until next of kin is notified, and no further information is available yet regarding the second person's injuries.

ZachNews and the community sends our thoughts, prayers and condolences to the family and friends of the person who died in the crash.

<https://zachnews.net/2021/02/19/breaking-news-needles-ca-person-confirmed-dead-and-another-person-injured-in-vehicle-crash-off-the-off-ramp-from-eastbound-interstate-40-to-u-s-route-95/>

## MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN 1 OF 4 FIRES THIS WEEKEND

Staff Writer, Z1077fm.com

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A Johnson Valley home was a total loss following a fire February 19. **San Bernardino County Fire** photo

Fire crews in the Morongo Basin had a busy weekend battling four separate fires.

About 4:30 afternoon Friday (February 19), fire crews were called to the 55200 block of Mi Casa Blvd in Johnson Valley. Initial reports said the resident was trying to put out the fire, and later reports that ammunition could be heard going off inside. Crews arrived to find a single-story home well involved with a heavy fire load and initiated a defensive fire attack. During the firefight, power lines fell, causing a life hazard alert and subsequent request for SoCal Edison service crews. Unstable interior structural conditions made overhaul difficult. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

A man was seriously injured in an early-morning fire in Wonder Valley Saturday (February 20). Firefighters were called to the blaze in the 84500 block of Amboy Road in Wonder Valley just before 3 a.m. where they found a single-wide mobile home on fire. A 64-year-old man suffered burns in the blaze and was transported by Morongo Basin Ambulance to Hi-Desert Medical Center, where he was then flown by helicopter to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment of his burns. The fire is still being investigated.

A vegetation fire broke out in Joshua Tree about 4:40 Sunday afternoon (February 21). A passer-by reported that bushes were on fire in the area of Twentynine Palms Highway and Memorial Drive in Joshua Tree. The flames were estimated to be about 10 feet high. Firefighters found a small fire burning in a hedge of mostly dead oleander on the eastern edge of the Mentalphysics Center and brought the burn under control within minutes, with no threat to nearby properties. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, although witnesses reported seeing homeless people and off-road motorcycles in the area earlier in the day.

And Morongo Valley firefighters were called to assist fire crews from Riverside County at a small vegetation fire near Desert Hot Springs at 6:40 Sunday evening. Winds were fanning the fire, off Indian Canyon, east of Highway 62, causing flames three to five feet high. Fire crews had the blaze out in about 30 minutes.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Department reminds residents and visitors that fire season lasts year-round and to use fire wisely and responsibly. For additional information about fire permitting or burn proclamations please visit the County Fire website at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

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