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San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department’s Colorado River Station (Courtesy)

Needles, California: The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department’s Colorado River Station has released publicly information regarding deputies responded to a boat on fire near Pirates Cove Resort docks that occurred on Saturday, April 10th, 2021.

According to the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department’s Colorado River Station, deputies responded to the report of a boat on fire at Park Moabi near the Pirates Cove Resort docks. Upon arrival deputies located a male suffering from burns and a personal watercraft (PWC) upside down in the water.

San Bernardino County Fire Department and Baker Ambulance responded, and the male burn victim was flown by Care Flight to University Medical Center in Las Vegas for treatment of his injuries. Through investigation it was discovered the male was working on the PWC and had removed the spark plug from the motor.

The male attempted to start the PWC with the spark plug near the motor causing the fuel inside the motor to ignite from the spark of the plug causing an explosion.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Deputy E. Blackard of the Colorado River Station. (760)326-9200. Callers wishing to remain anonymous are urged to use the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME(27463), or you may leave the information on the We-Tip website at http://www.wetip.com.

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As the weather heats up and we head into a season of worsening fire dangers, local law enforcement is inviting residents to turn in their illegal or dangerous fireworks, no questions asked. Reporter Heather Clisby has details….

Within unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County, fireworks are illegal, and Morongo Basin residents who wish to unload illegal or dangerous fireworks without any legal repercussions should take advantage of the county-wide Firework Surrender Days.

With no questions asked, residents can surrender illegal or dangerous fireworks by simply loading up their vehicle and driving to a designated location. Local Firework Surrender Days will be held at Fire Station 36, 6715 Park Blvd, in Joshua Tree on (Thursday) April 15 and (Saturday) 24 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The events offer a safe disposal option without the risk of fines or other enforcements. In the nearby city of Ontario, illegal fireworks resulted in the loss of two lives and over $3 million in structural damages.

Should damaging fires result from illegal fireworks, the responsible party may face criminal charges and be held liable for damages. Property owners can also be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored, or used on their property.

Residents may file an anonymous report using the new Illegal Firework Reporting System.

https://www.sbcfire.org/SafetyTips/Fireworks.aspx