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San Bernardino County Fire Prevention officers will try a new tool to combat illegal fireworks in the communities they serve -- contact-free citations

This year **San Bernardino County Fire** Prevention officers will try a new tool to combat illegal fireworks in the communities they serve -- contact-free citations.

Rather than chasing down everyone using illegal pyrotechnics, patrolling fire investigators will use geographic information systems (GIS) data to pinpoint exactly where fireworks are emanating from.

Fire investigators will take photographs and collect other evidence before remotely issuing the property owner an administrative citation that carries a fine of up to \$1,250.

Fire officials use a similar GIS system to issue fire hazard abatement notices when property owners neglect to remove weeds, brush, and other fire hazards as required by County ordinance.

A third-party vendor processes the citations and sends them via certified mail. The citations usually arrive about a week to two weeks after being issued.

Landlords may want to remind their tenants not to use illegal fireworks since the citation will be issued to the owner of record, not the tenant.

“Property owners are responsible for what occurs on their property,” Deputy Fire Marshal Adam Panos said.

Property owners will also be given the opportunity to appeal citations.

Fire Marshal Mike Horton said County Fire will utilize contact-free citations in all of the communities it serves. In addition to all unincorporated areas, County Fire serves the cities of Fontana, Grand Terrace, Upland, San Bernardino, Adelanto, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, and Needles.

In addition to issuing contact-free citations, fire investigators will also be directly issuing \$1,250 administrative citations to those caught using illegal fireworks at parks, in the street, or in other public places.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/san-bernardino-county-fire-department-will-issue-contact-free-citations-for-illegal-fireworks/article_6b103040-a38d-11eb-ab60-675a2e9b17b5.html

15 train cars derail near Kramer Junction in San Bernardino County

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About 15 railroad cars derailed near Kramer Junction, an unincorporated community in San Bernardino County, on Thursday morning, April 22, 2021, BNSF Railway officials said. (Photo courtesy **San Bernardino County Fire** Department)

About 15 railroad cars derailed Thursday morning, April 22, along Highway 58 near Kramer Junction, an unincorporated desert community in San Bernardino County, with no injuries reported, officials said.

Fire officials responded at around 6 a.m. Thursday, and BNSF Railway crews were working on getting the cars back on the tracks and fixing the track itself, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department spokesman Eric Sherwin said.

It was unclear when the repairs will be completed and the cars up righted.

“This will be a long-term incident,” he said.

The main track was blocked and there was no estimate for re-opening as of 11 a.m. Thursday, BNSF spokeswoman Lena Kent said. The cause of the incident was under investigation, she said.

Some rail cars contained hazardous materials, but Sherwin said there were no leaks.

The train was carrying freight of all kinds, Kent said.

The closest city on the train line is Barstow, she said, and freight service was not moving through the area as of 4:30 p.m.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2021/04/22/train-derails-in-desert-near-kramer-junction-no-injuries-reported/>

BNSF train derails in Southern California desert

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No injuries were reported when a BNSF Railway train derailed Thursday morning in the Southern California desert (**San Bernardino County Fire Dept.**, via Twitter)

No injuries as BNSF intermodal train derails near Barstow.

About 15 cars of a BNSF Railway intermodal train derailed Thursday at Jimgray, Calif., about 24 miles northwest of Barstow on the railroad's Mojave Subdivision.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department reports on Twitter that it responded to the accident about 6 a.m., but there were no injuries and no hazardous-material situation resulted.

The San Bernardino Sun reports a BNSF spokeswoman said no estimate was immediately available for when the main line would be reopened, and that the cause is under investigation.

<https://www.trains.com/trn/news-reviews/news-wire/digest-bnsf-train-derails-in-southern-california-desert/>