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## Yucca Valley gets new fire station in state budget

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San Bernardino County Fire Station 42 in Downtown Yucca Valley

**YUCCA VALLEY** — A new fire station will be built in Yucca Valley, county Supervisor Dawn Rowe announced Tuesday. The location and a project timeline have not been determined.

The station will cost \$12 million and the funds were allocated as part of the 2021-2022 state budget package that was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday.

“These funds wouldn’t have materialized without the efforts of Assembly Member Chad Mayes,” Rowe said. “This outcome is a great example of local government working in unison with our state representatives to ensure rural residents receive the services they need and deserve.”

Mayes, whose state Assembly district includes Yucca Valley, requested \$12 million from the Newsom administration after hearing concerns about public safety from residents, business owners, and local officials including Rowe.

“For years, Yucca Valley was one of the best-kept secrets in Southern California, but the growth of tourism in the region has resulted in an increase in traffic accidents along Highway 62 and calls for emergency services,” Mayes said.

“This new fire station is a significant investment in the future of Yucca Valley and provides the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District with the resources they need to serve our desert community.”

As the agency responsible for fire, emergency medical response and rescue services in Yucca Valley, the San Bernardino County fire department will be the recipient of the funding. At this time, they have not yet determined where the new fire station will be built, or when.

“The district will be working closely with our partners in Yucca Valley over the course of the next few months to identify a suitable location that maximizes the benefit of this new fire station, which will include reduced response times for outlying communities like Landers,” said San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey.

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## SBC Fire respond to 20+ calls amid heat waves in the High Desert

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Add about 4 additional calls between June 10, 2021 - July 10, 2021 for children locked inside vehicles and you get quite a very busy summer season for local firefighters thus far. Just on July 10, fire crews had to rescue 3 parties (undisclosed number of individuals) in the Deep Creek area for heat-related illnesses. That specific call, once emergency and rescue crews arrive ended up being a 1-hour hike from the road to the victims who had to be evacuated by the sheriff helicopter to nearby AMR crews who transported the stranded parties.

CDC statistics historically indicate that males, usually 85 or older are generally the ones who die as a result of released illness. However, it doesn't necessarily mean that people and other genders are not susceptible to the harsh extremes of the Mojave Desert. If you're keeping track, this marks the third known heat wave to impact the Victor Valley since the beginning of June.

CDC's Robin M. Ikeda, MD, MPH, who is the Associate Director for Policy and Strategy at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, says it's important for people to stay informed on extreme heat.

- Did you know 890 kids have died since 1998 because someone left them locked inside a car? The statistics don't lie. As a matter of fact, in recent years, such as 2020, during the pandemic, 25 children lost their lives in hot cars, and in this year alone it's about seven children who have died.

NHTSA says that "vehicular heatstroke deaths don't just happen when a child is forgotten. The second leading cause — 26% — of such deaths are children getting into unattended vehicles." It's encouraged that people get into the habit of always locking their car doors and trunk, year-round. The temperature inside a car whether a child wandered into the vehicle by themselves or if they were deliberately left there can reach over 115 degrees inside when the outside temperature at just 70 degrees.

A quick Google search of a temperature calculator can show you just how hot the inside of a vehicle gets that's left in the heat. To give an idea, temperatures outside the vehicle that range from 80 degrees to 100 degrees can get out of hand inside the car very quickly. The internal temperature of your car can reach a baking 130 to 172 in a matter of minutes.

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