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PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Sept. 10, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- On Saturday, Sept 11, 2021, Seven Palm Springs Air Museum aircraft will do a fly over the Coachella Valley and the High Desert in honor to local First Responders on the Twentieth Anniversary of the 9/11 attack that claimed 2,977 lives.

The aircraft will carry flags honoring local service personnel and the Gold Star families lost as a result of the Global War on Terrorism - an ongoing international military campaign launched by the United States government following the September 11 attacks: A 2019 Brown University study places the number of direct deaths caused by the War on Terror at over 800,000 when Syria and Yemen are included. It is estimated that 6,951 service members and 7,730 U.S. contractors have lost their lives over the span of the conflict.

The names of local service members lost:

- **Marine Cpl Jesus A. Gonzalez** of Indio, CA, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 29 Palms, CA - KIA April 12, 2003 in Baghdad, Iraq – Operation Iraqi Freedom


- **US Air Force Staff Sgt Jennifer Kepner**, of Cathedral City, died Oct 18, 2017 from cancer as a result of exposure to Burn Pits at Camp Balad Air Base in Iraq. She served as a medic from 2001-2007 and spent 6 months at Camp Balad


- **Marine Cpl Hunter Lopez** of Indio, KIA, August 26, 2021, Kabul Airport, Afghanistan

The fly over will start approximately at 9:45 am. First locale will be Palm Springs Fire Station 2, in honor of their special 9-11 Memorial Service. From there, the fleet of aircraft will include 27 local city and county fire stations in the Coachella Valley and high desert, including the 29 Palms Marine Base. The length of time in the air will be approximately 40 minutes. From Palm Springs, the aircraft will fly east over Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage (County Fire Department), Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, Bermuda Dunes, Thousand Palms, Morongo Valley and San Bernardino County Fire Stations, ending at 29 Palms.

Notable aircraft participating are the P-63 King Cobra, two P-51 Mustangs, C-47 Sky Train, and the T-6 Texan. *
The Palm Springs Air Museum is an educational non-profit history and aviation museum, dedicated to educating future generations, honoring our veterans, and preserving our aviation history.

Open daily from 10 until 5, it is located at 745 N. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA 92262, the main phone number is 760-778-6262. Visit PSAirMuseum.org for more info. The current special promotion includes free admission for children 12 and under accompanied by a paying adult. Masks are required at this time (available on site) as per Palm Springs City Covid guidelines.

*Aircraft and exact route are subject to mechanical issues and the weather, especially smoke from the fires.


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Sources: California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino County Fire Department (Information):

Arrowhead Junction, California: Vehicle crash has occurred along northbound U.S. Route 95 just north of Goffs Road.

The incident came into dispatch at 9:00 a.m. PT on Thursday, September 9th, 2021 involving a black explorer went 30ft off the roadway, and the parties in the vehicle are climbing out of the vehicle.

Medical Engine 32 from San Bernardino County Fire Department’s Station 32 along with Medical Ambulance 31A and Ambulance 811 from Mohave Valley Fire Department are responding.

As of 9:30 a.m. PT, Medical Ambulance 31A tells Comm-Center 1 patient delayed and 1 non-injury, canceling Ambulance 811 and A Tow Truck towing service has been called to clear the scene.

Please drive with caution through the area.

A man apparently trespassing on railroad property was fatally struck by a train near Ranchero Road in Hesperia on Wednesday, sheriff’s officials said.

The Hesperia Sheriff’s Station reported that at approximately 6:53 a.m. Wednesday, deputies and San Bernardino County Fire personnel responded to reports of a man down near the intersection of Ranchero Road and Santa Fe Avenue East.

Upon arrival, first responders found a man dead near the railroad tracks on BNSF railroad property.

A preliminary investigation and evidence at the scene indicated the man had been struck by a train.

Identification of the man is pending further investigation by the San Bernardino County Sheriff Coroner’s Office, which had not released information on the incident Wednesday.

Sheriff’s deputies and the BNSF police continue to investigate the incident, the sheriff’s report said.

Anyone with information is asked by the sheriff’s department to contact the Hesperia Sheriff’s Station at 760-947-1500 or Sheriff’s Dispatch at 760-956-5001.

Callers wishing to remain anonymous can call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-78CRIME (27463) or leave information at www.wetip.com.