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Firefighters Responds To Car Fire In The Cajon Pass Wednesday Evening
By Staff Writer, PAIN IN THE PASS
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CAJON PASS, CA. (Pain In The Pass) >> Firefighter extinguished a car fire on northbound Interstate 15 Wednesday evening.

California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Fire Department firefighters were getting calls of a vehicle on fire on northbound Interstate 15 on the left shoulder of the Kenwood Avenue off ramp. The car fire was reported about 5:44pm Wednesday February 12, 2022, with flames coming from the engine compartment.

California Highway Patrol and firefighters were on the scene to work on getting the vehicle fire put out on the left side shoulder of Kenwood Ave off ramp. The vehicle was reported to be a tan Volvo Xc90 SUV. Everybody did escape the vehicle before it became fully engulfed. No injuries were reported at the scene. The cause of the vehicle fire is unknown at this time.

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Some Ontario employees get raises, pandemic bonuses of up to $10,000
By Steve Scauzillo, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE
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The Ontario City Council has approved at least 2% across-the-board salary increases for several groups of employees, plus one-time lump sum bonuses for police and fire personnel and others, for providing essential services during the coronavirus pandemic. Salary hikes, including bumps in salary-range classifications, along with the bonus checks were approved by unanimous vote without discussion Tuesday, Feb. 15, as part of a vote that included multiple items.

One of the biggest surprises was the bonuses given for providing essential services throughout the pandemic. Each member of the Ontario Police Department and the Ontario Fire Department will receive a $10,000 one-time bonus. This includes the police chief and the fire chief. All other full-time city employees, including those on the executive management team, will receive a $7,500 bonus, including City Manager Scott Ochoa. The employees must have a probability of continued employment as of Jan. 28, 2022.

Part-time employees working less than 10 hours a month will receive a $300 bonus, while those working 10 hours or more a month will receive $600. The money comes from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. Checks will be issued separately from regular paychecks before Friday, Feb. 25.

A commercial structure fire erupted in southwestern Fontana on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 17, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The large fire threatened multiple commercial buildings in the 10500 block of Mulberry Avenue and a second alarm was requested, the Fire Department said on Twitter.

The fire was knocked down by 9 a.m., but a road closure remained in place for a while afterward in the area of Slover and Mulberry avenues. There were no reports of injuries.

No additional information was immediately available.

Evacuation orders lifted as Airport Fire burning near Bishop surpasses 4K acres
By Staff Writer, NEWS 4
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Updated as of 7 a.m. on February 18:
BISHOP, CA (News 4 & Fox 11) — The fire remains at 4,136 acres and it is 30% contained. Warm Springs remains closed east from Highway 395. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Updated, as of 6:00 p.m. on February 17:
The CAL FIRE San Bernardino Unit has announced that all evacuation orders, along with the Highway 168 closure will be lifted as of 6:00 p.m. today. The fire agency continued to warn people in the area to be mindful of traffic signs and fire personnel in the area Warm Springs remains closed east from Highway 395. The fire has burned 4,136 acres and it is 20% contained.

Original story:
The Airport Fire burning near Bishop, California is now 3,900 acres. It is 0% contained as of 10 a.m. on Thursday morning. The fire started around 12:45 p.m. on Feb. 16. The fire remained active overnight and 150 structures are currently threatened. Roads are closed at Warm Springs Rd. east of Hwy 395 and Hwy 168 east of Hwy 395. Evacuation orders are in effect for Big Pine East of Hwy 395, White Mountain Research Center, Owens Valley (CalTech) Radio Observatory.