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Over 100 firefighters tackle blaze in Highland

Eric Licas, San Bernardino Sun

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A plane drops fire retardant on a fire burning along Highland Avenue, near Highway 330 on Thursday, May 7. (Photo courtesy of the San Bernardino Fire Department).

At least 100 firefighters battled flames that scorched brush in Highland as temperatures climbed to 100 degrees in San Bernardino County on Thursday, May 7.

The fire started along Highland Avenue, near City Creek Dr., **San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials said in a Tweet posted at 2:48 p.m. It tripled in size, growing from 5 to 15 acres by the time crews had stopped its spread at 4:28 p.m.

Gray smoke was seen rising over hills covered in low brush in photos posted by the Fire Department. Aircraft and at least 100 firefighters were dispatched to combat the blaze, which was spreading to the north and east.

No structures were threatened, the fire department said. Crews were to remain in the area to construct a fire line around any remaining flames and conduct mop-up operations.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2020/05/07/over-100-firefighters-tackle-blaze-in-highland/>

Fire breaks out near Highland

Jason Miller, Highland Community News

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A C-130 drops fire retardant near a Highland neighborhood, protecting it from a brush fire on Thursday, May 7, north of Highland Avenue. This photo was taken by Citrus Valley High School senior Bianca Orejel.

A fire broke out just after 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, two miles north of Highland Avenue east of Highway 330 north in the city of San Bernardino.

San Bernardino County Fire, under unified command with Highland Fire and the U.S. Forest service, used 13 engines, three dozers, four hand crews and a C-130 aircraft along with helicopters from Cal Fire, the U.S. Forest Service and San Bernardino Sheriff's Aviation from the air to fight the fire.

According to San Bernardino County Fire Battalion Chief Steve Tracy the fire was nine acres by approximately 4 p.m.

Tracy said the green vegetation in the area helped fire crews to suppress the fire. Had this fire happened a month later the vegetation would have been dry and the fire more difficult to fight.

The Highland Avenue 330 north off ramp to Surrey Lane was shutdown to traffic; no evacuations were ordered.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

https://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/fire-breaks-out-near-highland/article_867f16ba-9142-11ea-89c8-e33d18a07e14.html

In Adelanto, National Day of Prayer goes virtual amid COVID-19

Rene Ray De La Cruz, Victorville Daily Press

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Christie Rahder, of Impact Christian Church, prepares to release balloons to conclude the National Day of Prayer event in Adelanto on Thursday, May 7 2020. The service was not open to the public but aired by three churches' social media accounts and the 107.1 KPTG radio station. [JAMES QUIGG FOR THE DAILY PRESS]

ADELANTO — Despite the National Day of Prayer having a different look this year amid social distancing and stay-at-home orders, community leaders from across the Victor Valley still gathered to pray on Thursday.

Pastor Dane Davis of Impact Church in Victorville stood near the steps of Adelanto City Hall at noon to start the event that was closed to the public but streamed online and made available on a local FM station due to the coronavirus pandemic.

After reading a prayer proclamation by President Donald Trump, Davis announced the theme of the 69th annual observance as “Pray God’s Glory Across the Earth,” which is based on Habakkuk 2:14.

“Lord, we pray that you would bless our nation even though we do not deserve to be blessed,” said Davis, while raising his hands in worship. “Lord, we pray that you would have mercy on our nation even though we do not deserve your mercy.”

Davis prayed for many to receive salvation, to be protected during the COVID-19 pandemic and for God to move in families, churches, schools, city halls, the White House and the governor’s mansion.

Nearly two dozen ministry and community leaders also prayed for America, including Pastor Allen Price, of A New Thing Online Ministries.

Price said America’s economy and jobs will be restored if God’s people humble themselves, ask for forgiveness and seek God’s will.

He thanked God for “getting America’s attention” so “that we might repent of our sins.”

San Bernardino County Fire Department Fire Specialist Jeff Stinson sang a few verses of “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” before praying for the health and safety of law enforcement and fire personnel.

Deborah Lemons, executive director of Rose of Sharon Pregnancy Resource Center in Victorville, prayed for families and babies in need, for fathers to take responsibility and for God to forgive the nation for “allowing life to be taken and disposed of.”

While leaders gathered around the American flag to sing “Because He Lives” and “God Bless America,” balloons were released to symbolize prayers being lifted toward heaven.

Before closing the event, Davis offered an invitation for those to receive Christ.

“Church, keep praying and believing because God is still on the throne, and he is going to see us through this mess because he’s a good and faithful God,” Davis said.

Video of the National Day of Prayer event can be viewed online at www.Facebook.com/GreaterImpactcc.

<https://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20200507/in-adelanto-national-day-of-prayer-goes-virtual-amid-covid-19>

Ready! Set! Go!

Tracey Martinez, Loma Linda City News

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Are you prepared in the event of a wildfire?

May 3-9 is Wildfire Awareness Week. San Bernardino County is one of the most beautiful places to live, but for those living in what are called “urban interface areas”, it does not come without risks. Fire is, and always has been, a natural part of this landscape. Wildfires are now a year-round reality in San Bernardino County. This means that both firefighters and residents must be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire.

To create safer communities, County Fire initiated a program called READY! SET! GO!; targeting communities in high risk wildfire prone areas. READY! SET! GO! is about helping residents understand how their home’s location, surrounding vegetation, construction elements, and other factors place their property and them at risk during a wildfire. More importantly, it teaches them what they can do to reduce that risk – get READY! It also instructs them on the importance of having an evacuation and survival plan – get SET! Finally, it emphasizes the need to GO! and go early, before the fire arrives to ensure the safety of themselves and their family. The goal of this program is to educate and engage residents in reducing the risk in their communities, which will help save lives and property.

“Firefighters train hard and make countless preparations to be ready for a wildfire. Residents need to do the same,” stated Fire Chief Dan Munsey. “Successfully preparing for a wildfire requires residents to take personal responsibility for protecting themselves, their family, and their property.”

It’s not a question of if, but when, the next wildfire will occur. Advance planning and preparation can dramatically increase your safety and the survivability of your property. San Bernardino County Fire offers residents a free home wildfire consultation to help residents make their home and property more fire safe. Contact your local fire station to schedule a consultation.

San Bernardino County Fire is committed to providing Premier Fire Service - protecting the communities we serve with safety first. The READY! SET! GO! Program is another tool in providing such service.

County Fire relies on Fire Safe Councils. They are a great resource in not only getting information out to the community, but in developing and implementing fire safety programs. Visit the Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance web site at www.fireinformation.com and learn how you can get involved. For more information on wildfire safety and preparation, including the READY! SET! GO! Program, visit our web site at www.sbcfire.org.

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