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## **FIRE DESTROYS YUCCA VALLEY HOUSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

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Fire investigators were called in to determine the cause of this house fire in Yucca Valley January 15. San Bernardino County Fire photo

A Yucca Valley family is homeless after a fire destroyed their house Wednesday night. When firefighters from Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, and Joshua Tree arrived at the home in the 7700 block of Deer Trail at 6:51 p.m., they found heavy smoke and fire showing from the single-story house. Neighbors reported hearing rounds of ammunition exploding in the fire. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said it took firefighters about 15 minutes to knock down the flames. He added that a resident was injured while trying to move a vehicle. The injury was minor, however, and not burn-related; the occupant went to the hospital in a personal vehicle. The house received heavy fire and smoke damage and is completely destroyed. A fire investigator was called in to help with the cause and origin of the fire.

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## **TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL GETS BACK TO BUSINESS**

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The Twentynine Palms City Council met last night for a brief meeting to discuss city business, including updated fire codes, sidewalks and Project Phoenix. Reporter Heather Clisby has the details ...

Last night, the Twentynine Palms City Council heard from Deputy Fire Marshall Adam Panos, who presented amendments to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District Fire Code. The code is revisited every three years so Panos laid out new codes that included additional regulation permits, clarified restrictions for open burning and sprinkler requirements for new buildings. The ordinance was approved 5-0.

City Manager Frank Luckino updated the council on the traffic light installation at Highway 62 and Utah Trail. CalTrans had required pole modifications so the city can likely expect an operational intersection in approximately one month.

In anticipation of the Project Phoenix groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, Luckino stated that all related water projects and sewer construction must be done before any above-ground building can begin.

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## A ruptured main water manifold has caused part of the city to go without water

Saul A. Flores, News West / Needles Desert Star / Mohave Valley Daily News

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Workers scramble to replace a water pipe that blew out at the city of Needles yard near River's Edge Golf Course. The pipe's failure interrupted service to many parts of the city for the second day, after a major leak closed interstate 40. Bottled drinking water will be available until 9 p.m. PST at an emergency station set up at the El Garces. The station will operate each day beginning at 8 a.m. until it is no longer necessary. Robin Richards/News West

UPDATE: 5:45 p.m. PST

The rupture that flooded the city yard near River's Edge Golf Course and has interrupted water service to much of the city has turned out not to be the manifold: a distribution device that routes water to several different lines. What blew apart was a line between the well field and that distribution manifold. Replacement pipe was readily available and work is ongoing. It's hoped service will be restored by 8 to 9 p.m. PST.

Meanwhile, bottled drinking water continues to be available until 9 p.m. at an emergency station set up in the El Garces along Front Street between F and G streets. The station will reopen at 8 a.m. tomorrow and will continue to operate daily until it's no longer necessary.

Rapid and extreme pressure fluctuations — a "hammerhead" — while re-pressurizing the city's aging water system after the huge leak that closed Interstate 40 on Jan. 14 is being blamed for this latest failure. Residents are asked to conserve water as much as possible in coming days while more permanent repairs are made. Work will likely run into next week at least. - ed.

NEEDLES — A rupture in the main water manifold that feeds the city of Needles has caused the part of the city that is located on the lower half Interstate 40 to be without water.

City of Needles Councilor Shawn Gudmundson said that the locations that are affected are from Carls Junior to East Broadway and out to the Needles Town Center and the lower side of Interstate 40.

“The Fort Mohave Indian Tribe has been informed that their village is without water and **San Bernardino County Fire** Station 32 has been informed of the water situation if something should arise,” said Gudmundson. “There is no time frame at this time.”

Gudmundson said that they're making arrangements to have non-potable water at the El Graces and bottled water distribution will start immediately for drinking and cooking at the El Garces.

Direct any further questions to Gudmundson by calling 702-206-0771.

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