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MAJOR DAMAGE WHEN A CAR DRIVES INTO A YUCCA VALLEY HOUSE

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News

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A man drove his vehicle into this home on Joshua Lane in Yucca Valley Saturday afternoon. Tami Roleff photo

A house was severely damaged in Yucca Valley when a man drove his vehicle into it Saturday afternoon. Just after 2 p.m., the unidentified driver was returning to his home in the 8000 block of Joshua Lane when for unknown reasons, the vehicle sped forward and hit a block wall and the home's front door. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Josh Sprague said the driver was not injured. He added that the town's building and safety inspector was called to the home to determine if the structure was inhabitable.

<http://z1077fm.com/major-damage-when-a-car-drives-into-a-yucca-valley-house/>

25-YEAR-OLD WOMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN TWENTYNINE PALMS FIRE

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A 25-year-old woman was seriously injured in a suspicious fire in Twentynine Palms Sunday evening.

Firefighters were called to the blaze in the 73700 block of Desert Trail just before 8 p.m. and witnesses reported they heard screaming coming from the house.

Crews reported seeing smoke and fire coming out of the front of the single-story home.

County Fire Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio said that fire crews rescued a woman who was unconscious next to a bed in a bedroom from the fire; a dog was also rescued from the home. A 10-year-old girl was able to get out on her own; the husband was at a neighbor's house.

Morongo Basin Ambulance transported the woman to Hi-Desert Medical Center where she was to be flown by Mercy Air to another hospital. However, due to the strong winds, the helicopter was unable to fly.

The woman suffered from smoke inhalation and other unspecified injuries.

The house suffered serious smoke and fire damage, but firefighters were able to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby homes.

The Sheriff's Department is investigating.

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MOBILE HOME A TOTAL LOSS IN JOSHUA TREE FIRE

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A mobile home in Joshua Tree is a total loss following a fire Sunday. Firefighters from Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, and Yucca Mesa were called to the 61600 block of El Reposo Street just after 1 p.m. They arrived to find the double-wide mobile home well involved with flames and smoke. Crews, who were hampered by the strong winds, made an aggressive interior attack against the home and managed to keep the fire from spreading. The residents were not home; however, a pet lizard died in the blaze. There were no other injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://z1077fm.com/mobile-home-a-total-loss-in-joshua-tree-fire/>

Video captures dramatic rollover crash at Chevron off Interstate 15

Martin Estacio, Victorville Daily Press

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A damaged white Toyota Corolla lies on its side after a crash at a Chevron gas station in Oak Hills on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020. [PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL VAN HEEST]

HESPERIA — Bill Van Heest was wrapping up his shift at the Chevron gas station at the top of the Cajon Pass when he heard what sounded like an explosion.

Van Heest had been cleaning the outside of the building located near Interstate 15's Oak Hill Road off ramp at about 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

He only took about three steps inside to grab a bucket of water when he heard a loud “boom.”

The store clerk ran outside to a chaotic scene.

“It was like a bomb went off,” he said.

A cloud of dust was just beginning to settle. Debris lay strewn across the parking lot. And lying on its side near his car was a heavily damaged Toyota Corolla that seemed to appear out of nowhere.

Van Heest quickly dialed 911 and tried to look inside the wreckage.

“Dispatch was asking how many people. I couldn't see nobody,” he said. “The airbags were deployed. We couldn't open the doors.”

Van Heest called out to anyone inside the vehicle. No one answered.

He feared the worst.

But then he heard a woman's voice. Van Heest asked her if she was OK. She said, “No.”

About a minute later, Van Heest said emergency responders arrived.

Firefighters worked to free the woman by removing the cracked windshield.

When crews pulled her out, Van Heest estimated she was in her 30s, but he said he couldn't tell due to the blood on her face.

She was walked over to a gurney and rushed away by ambulance.

When Van Heest watched the surveillance footage later, he realized how lucky the woman was to be alive.

In the video, which seems to play out in slow-motion, the white Toyota is seen barreling off the I-15 and through gas station fencing. From there, it rolls about 2 ½ times as sparks and car parts fly.

The seven-second video ends as the car finally comes to rest after slamming into the building and Van Heest's car.

Van Heest talked to a witness who said the Toyota first hit the back of his pickup truck before going out of control off the freeway.

A request for comment from the California Highway Patrol was not immediately returned.

One person was taken to a local trauma center, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department spokesperson Jimmy Schiller said.

The Toyota was only about 20 feet from hitting a propane tank located near the fence when it crashed into the parking lot.

A large bolt anchoring a street pole that the Toyota sheared off ended up next to the building, Van Heest said.

He said he was just glad no one was in the store or parking lot when the wreck occurred.

Unfortunately though, Van Heest's car, which he planned on giving to his daughter for her college graduation, is probably totaled, he said.

After 32 years of working at the gas station, Van Heest said he's seen some interesting things, but this was definitely "one of the crazier ones."

"It was something that you don't see every day," he said. "It was like a stunt movie."

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20200202/video-captures-dramatic-rollover-crash-at-chevron-off-interstate-15>

Firefighters battle early morning garage fire in Barstow

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BARSTOW — Firefighters gained control of a residential structure fire that broke out early Friday, containing it to a garage located in the rear of the house.

Barstow Fire Protection District crews responded to a 6:30 a.m. report of the early morning blaze on Flora Street and took approximately 30 minutes to gain control, according to a statement from BFPD Chief Chief Jamie Williams.

Battalion Chief Nick DiNapoli arrived on scene at 6:37 a.m., evacuated the house and gave attack instructions to the incoming fire truck that arrived about a minute later, Williams later told the Daily Press. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

Fire engines from the nearby Marine Corps Logistics Base, **San Bernardino County Fire** and the Ft. Irwin National Training Center responded to aid BFPD crews. A separate BFPD Facebook post said the response showed “the strength of our mutual aid system.”

On Friday, posts on social media claimed it took crews 20 minutes to respond to the fire, but Williams said those claims were false. She said she looked into the matter to confirm the response time, which was about six minutes after dispatch, according to her statement.

“We take 911 response times very serious!”, Williams wrote. “The Barstow Fire District is committed to continuing to provide fire and life safety response to our community.”

The cause of the fire is under investigation, Williams said.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20200201/firefighters-battle-early-morning-garage-fire-in-barstow>

Fire Protection District Chief Dan Munsey will attend State of the Union event in D.C.

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Munsey said he sees his attendance as an opportunity to build upon the good working relationships that San Bernardino County has with federal agencies and lawmakers.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to represent our region and San Bernardino County Fire at the president's State of the Union address," Munsey said. "Our county depends on the relationship we have with

our federal partners to ensure the safety of our residents, and I look forward to the chance to reinforce that relationship."

Aguilar said that after a year of devastating wildfires throughout California, Munsey's attendance at the State of the Union address will serve as a reminder of the continued need for federal resources in the state.

"From dedicating adequate funding for public safety and wildfire prevention, to addressing the housing crisis throughout our state, the federal government has a key role to play in improving the lives of San Bernardino County residents. I'm hopeful that Chief Munsey's attendance will serve as a reminder of the real people in our community who are affected by the decisions made in Washington. I'm grateful to the chief for taking the time to come to the Capitol and show his support for our community," Aguilar said.

Munsey was appointed county fire chief in November. He began his career in the fire service in 1995 as a paid-call firefighter. He became a full-time firefighter in 1998, when he was assigned to Lake Arrowhead. He has worked in every division of County Fire, promoting to captain in 2004, battalion chief in 2008, and assistant chief in March 2014.

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District has about 1,000 employees, covers about 19,000 of the county's 20,105 square miles, and serves more than 60 incorporated municipalities and unincorporated communities within four Regional Service Zones -- Mountain, North Desert, South Desert and Valley -- including the City of Grand Terrace, City of Hesperia, City of Needles, City of San Bernardino, City of Twentynine Palms, City of Upland, Town of Yucca Valley, and unincorporated areas. Additionally, County Fire provides contractual fire protection services to two cities, Adelanto and Fontana, via its independent fire protection district.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/inland_empire_news/fire-protection-district-chief-dan-munsey-will-attend-state-of/article_a544d7a6-452f-11ea-865d-eb9028998319.html

COUNTY FIRE CHIEF TO ATTEND STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

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San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey will be the guest of Representative Pete Aguilar of Redlands at the State of the Union address Tuesday, February 4. After a year of devastating wildfires throughout California, Munsey's attendance at the State of the Union address will serve as a reminder of the continued need for federal resources in the state. Munsey said he was "honored to have the opportunity to represent our region and San Bernardino County Fire at the president's State of the Union address.... Our county depends on the relationship we have with our federal partners to ensure the safety of our residents, and I look forward to the chance to reinforce that relationship."

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Pedestrian killed on Sequoia Street in Hesperia

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(Hugo C. Valdez, VVNG.com)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Authorities are conducting an investigation after a female pedestrian was struck and killed by an SUV Thursday night.

At about 5:48 pm., on January 30, 2020, first responders were dispatched to a vehicle versus pedestrian on Sequoia Street near Balsam Avenue in Hesperia.

San Bernardino County Firefighters arrived on scene and pronounced a female pedestrian deceased at the scene.

The male driver of a 1993 Toyota 4Runner remained at the scene and cooperated with police.

Alcohol or drugs are not suspected to be a factor in the crash.

Sequoia Street is closed between Arroyo and Balsam Avenues while the Hesperia Sheriff's Major Accident Investigation Team processes the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Hesperia Police Department at 760-947-1500.

<https://www.vvng.com/pedestrian-killed-on-sequoia-street-in-hesperia/>

One person critically injured in crash on Mariposa Road in Hesperia

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(Gabriel D. Espinoza, VVNG.com)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) – One person was critically injured following a two-vehicle crash Thursday night.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies from the Hesperia Station and **San Bernardino County Firefighters** were dispatched to the area of Live Oak Street and Mariposa Road at about 5:45 p.m. on January 30, 2020.

Emergency workers located a Prius with significant front end damage and a pickup truck that had an attached trailer hauling a vehicle with minor damage.

The driver of the Prius was taken by ground ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center with critical injuries. The driver of the pickup truck did not report any serious injuries, Deputy R. Ballantyne told Victor Valley News.

According to preliminary reports, the pickup truck was northbound on Mariposa Road and the Prius was on Westbound on Live Oak Street when the crash occurred.

Mariposa Road was temporarily shut down for an investigation and debris cleanup.

<https://www.vvng.com/one-person-critically-injured-in-crash-on-mariposa-road-in-hesperia/>