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COUNTY FIRE CHIEF TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

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San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey of Yucca Valley will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to attend the State of the Union address Tuesday as the guest of a local Congressman. Reporter Andrew Dieleman has more information about how the trip came about...

“When Congressman Aguilar reached out to me and asked me to go to the State of the Union, I honestly thought it was a joke.”

County Fire Chief Dan Munsey was invited to the historic event by Representative Pete Aguilar of Redlands, who said that after a year of devastating wildfires throughout California, Munsey’s attendance at the State of the Union address would serve as a reminder of the continued need for federal resources in the state.

“As he explained how important it is to have a strong county and federal partnership, I realized very quickly he’s right. As we look at our mountain communities and some of our other high-hazard areas, there’s a lot of work that we need to do to make sure our cities and residents are safe. The only way we can do that is establishing deep partnerships with both our state and our federal partners.”

The State of the Union will be broadcast live at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

<http://z1077fm.com/county-fire-chief-to-attend-tonights-state-of-the-union-address/>

Firefighters rescue woman from burning house

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TWENTYNINE PALMS — Firefighters rescued a woman and a dog from a burning single-story home on Desert Trail Drive near Ocotillo Road Sunday evening, Feb. 2.

San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched at 7:56 p.m. to a residential structure fire in the area of Ocotillo Road and Desert Trail Drive.

While crews were in en-route 911 callers stated they heard screaming from the home. Due to the possibility of a rescue, an ambulance was started.

Medic Engine 44 arrived in five minutes to find smoke and fire showing from a single story home. Crews initiated a fire attack and search of the home for victims.

Crews found a woman, under the age of 25, lying on the floor next to the bedroom in a bedroom and pulled her from the building. Once outside they performed CPR on the woman who was unconscious and suffering from severe smoke inhalation.

She was transported by Morongo Basin Ambulance to Hi-Desert Medical Center where firefighters asked for an air ambulance but the request was declined due to high winds, Battalion Chief Donny Vilorio reported.

She remained intubated and sedated, he said. A mixed breed dog also rescued from the 1,100 square foot home is doing fine, he reported.

The fire was knocked down in 15 minutes with damage primarily limited to the living room area. The fire's cause and origin is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire investigators. County fire responded with four engines, one battalion chief and two fire investigators.

Combat Center FD responded with an engine and Morongo Basin Ambulance responded with an ambulance.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/the_desert_trail/news/article_f1da008a-46d0-11ea-b2bc-3fb0e42f7df2.html

City-owned property in Hesperia could go to county for new fire station

Rene Ray De La Cruz, Victorville Daily Press

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HESPERIA — The City Council here will meet Tuesday night to discuss a short list of agenda items, including the sale of city-owned property to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District for the construction of a new fire station.

The Hesperia City Council will review and discuss county fire's intention to purchase more than 4 ½ acres for \$288,000. The property is on the northwest corner of Olive Street and H Avenue, adjacent to the U.S. Post Office.

If the sale is approved by the Council and the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, county fire is expected to construct a new station there that would replace Station 302, which is located on the northeast corner of the same streets.

The property sale price is without closing costs, which would be paid out of sale proceeds at the close of escrow. The sale price was determined to be fair market value based on an appraisal completed in October 2018 by Smother's Appraisal.

The county board of supervisors is scheduled to discuss the item during its March 10 meeting. Also during Tuesday's meeting, the Council will discuss adoption of the 2020 Legislative Platform, associated policy statements and funding priorities.

The platform outlines the city's priorities for the coming legislative year. Adoption would provide clarity to the mayor and city manager on the City Council's position on priority legislative issues, while allowing for flexibility to adapt to the various legislative and budgetary issues that arise throughout the year, according to a staff report.

Adoption would also allow for the submission of letters of support or opposition, consistent with the platform to the Legislature and Congress on behalf of the city.

The Hesperia City Council meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hesperia City Hall, 9700 Seventh Avenue. For more information, visit www.CityofHesperia.us.

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