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Let's Keep Big Bear Fire Safe

Michael P. Neufeld and Susan A Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Big Bear Lake CA. – Join us in this special community kick-off meeting to start a Fire Safe Council and learn how we can work together to keep our communities fire safe.

The meeting will be held February 25, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Big Bear Lake Fire Department, Station 281, 41090 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake CA.

The meeting is presented by Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council, CAL-FIRE, Big Bear Fire, **County Fire**, USFS and Big Bear Electric Service.

<https://rotwnews.com/2020/02/07/lets-keep-big-bear-fire-safe/>

Pedestrian struck by a vehicle on Phelan Road Thursday night

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PHELAN, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A pedestrian struck by a vehicle was airlifted to a trauma center Thursday night.

According to the California Highway Patrol incident logs, at 8:10 pm a 2015 BMW struck a pedestrian in the area of Phelan and Sheep Creek Roads.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to the incident and requested a helicopter to airlift the pedestrian.

A landing zone was set-up in a field at the nearby Stater Brother's shopping center.

The person was flown via Mercy 22 helicopter to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center with life-threatening injuries.

CHP is handling this investigation and additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/pedestrian-struck-by-a-vehicle-on-phenan-road-thursday-night/>

PolaRotary Plungers Jump to Raise Fund for Charities

Staff Writer, Mountain News

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Fire Chief Ron Walls jumped for the Fire Department

Close to 100 people took the PolaRotary Bear Plunge on Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Lake Arrowhead Resort beach to raise money for their charities. Organized by the Rotary Club of Lake Arrowhead twelve years ago at the recommendation of Dr. Pat Rains, the annual PolaRotary Bear Plunge has been a successful fundraising event.

“We ended up with 97 jumpers on Saturday’s PolaRotary Bear Plunge — second highest in our 12 years,” shared co-chair Barbara Douth. “We have 27 charities [who] participated at the Plunge event and all 27 will benefit from this fundraising event. We are estimating that we will at least reach \$40,000 this year.”

The 27 participating charities included Lake Arrowhead Rotary Foundation, Acton-Aqua Dulce Unified School District, Arrowhead Arts Association, Blue Jay Jazz Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of the Mountain Communities, CSUSB Mountain Communities Scholarship Society, Junior League of Riverside, Knights of Columbus #7950, Lake Arrowhead Rotary Foundation, Mountain Counseling & Training, Mountain Humane Society, Mountain Jewish Community, Mountain Sunrise Rotary Foundation, Mountains Community Hospital Foundation, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Project Alive, Rim Communities Special Olympics Local Chapter, Rim Educational Foundation, Rim High Music Program, Rim High Boys & Girls Wrestling, Rim of the World Historical Society, Ronald McDonald House, **San Bernardino County Fire** Fighters Association, Sandals Church Kids, Sky Forest Elks Lodge #2393, Soroptimist International of Rim of the World, UCLA Bruins Scholarship Foundation, and Wildhaven Ranch.

Hundreds of spectators showed up at the Lake Arrowhead Resort beach to watch, cheer and support their jumpers.

“We have quite a few first-time jumpers this year,” said founder Dr. Pat Rains. “Many of them [get] into the costume contest.”

Costumes range from Mother Teresa to Elvis, and Charlie Brown to a Dragon.

“Judge Michael Dest and I have been judging the costumes for about ten years,” said Sondra Hughes, fashion icon and owner of Sondra’s Wild Sophistication. “This year we had a very difficult time because they are so many creative costumes.”

Bob McConnell, costumed as a Star Wars character, won first place in the Individual Costume Award; followed by Fire Chief Ron Walls who wore his own official fire chief uniform and took second place.

Mountains Community Hospital Foundation lead by administrator Charlie Harrison won first place in the Team Award as Charlie Brown (Charlie Harrison) and Friends, joined by Dr. Van Martin as Pig-Pen, Patrick Miller as Franklin, Cheri Altmeyer as Sally, Cynthia Bush as Woodstock, Cherie Pierson as Snoopy, deLynn Walker as Lucy and Denise Swart as Peppermint Patty.

Rim Education Foundation won second place as Crayons in the Team Award category. The third Team Award went to Soroptimists in a two-person Dragon costume.

“The honorable mentions are Wildhaven Ranch (Coldwell Banker team) and Knights of Columbus,” said judge Sondra Hughes.

“I am a skunk,” said Steve Keefe, owner/broker of Coldwell Banker Sky Ridge Realty, who has a painted skunk face, wearing crop-top and black shorts with a skunk tail. Keefe was jumping for Wildhaven Ranch, along with his agents ‘Eagle’ Alec Hutton, ‘Ducky’ Clayton Weber, and ‘Deer’ John Lassak.

“It was truly gratifying to see the outpouring of community support for the plunge,” said Rotary Club president Peter Venturini. “So many people, having so much fun, supporting so many worthwhile causes on our mountain. I am looking forward to Plunge number 13 in 2021.”

The next PolaRotary Bear Plunger is on the first Saturday of February 2021, rain, snow or shine. For more information, contact Dr. Pat Rains by email: ArhdVet@hotmail.com.

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_a5bdaafe-4904-11ea-a5e5-3b5c3649675f.html

City Police and County Fire 2019 Review

Mayor John Valdivia, San Bernardino City News

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During the January 15th City Council meeting, the interim Chief of Police Eric McBride and the Assistant **San Bernardino County Fire** Chief Dan Mejia presented their 2019 year reviews. Our Police Department has continued to maintain their high level of filled positions while increasing the amount of new hires. We currently have 249 filled positions with 32 new hires eager to get out and serve our community. This is a 15% increase from our 2015 filled positions.

Our City’s Forensic Bureau did some extraordinary work in 2019, out of the 3,600 calls for service they were able to lift 240 latent prints resulting in 229 of those returning with named suspects. Our investigations unit also had some great success last year. After the implementation of community oriented policing our homicide clearance rate went from 47% to 78%, San Bernardino is no longer a place to commit crimes, you will get caught.

Our police have helped clean up our streets in many ways; they had great success in managing our homeless population. In 2019 they removed over 1,000 homeless encampments and had over 3,000 homeless contacts. Our crime numbers for 2019 had large decreases across the board, criminal homicide was down over 6, robbery decreased by 7, and burglary was down by 9%. Our increased police presence through community oriented policing has continued to make San Bernardino a safer city.

Dan Mejia the San Bernardino County Fire Chief also provided some good statistics for 2019. The response times have continued to improve for Type 1 emergency with the average response time being under 5 minutes. Our fire services responded to almost 3,000 fire incidents in 2019 and over 20,000 medical and

traffic collision incidents. They also performed over 450 plan checks to ensure that fire and life safety is provided and maintained in our buildings.

<http://sanbernardino.citynewsgroup.com/articles/city-police-and-county-fire-2019-review->