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Pedestrian killed on Highway 138 Wednesday

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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PHELAN, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The California Highway Patrol is investigating after a pedestrian was struck and killed on Highway 138 early Wednesday morning.

On June 17, 2020, at about 3:46 AM first responders were dispatched to a vehicle versus a pedestrian on SR-138 near Lone Pine Canyon with CPR in progress.

CHP officials said a 20-year-old Phelan resident was driving a black 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe eastbound on SR-138, east of Mantoya Drive at approximately 60 mph when he collided with the female pedestrian that was running within the no. 1 lane.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to the incident and pronounced a female deceased at the scene.

The pedestrian is a 25-year-old woman from Hemet, CA and her identity will be released by the San Bernardino County Coroners office pending next of kin.

The incident prompted authorities to temporarily shut down the no. 1 and 2 lanes eastbound lanes of the highway. All lanes were reopened just before 5:45 AM.

The collision is still under investigation, anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact Officer M. Carrillo at the San Bernardino CHP Office at (909) 383-4247.

<https://www.vvng.com/pedestrian-killed-on-highway-138-wednesday/>

TWO FIRES IN TWENTYNINE PALMS TUESDAY

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News

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Twentynine Palms firefighters were called to two back-to-back fires Tuesday afternoon. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio said the first call came in at 3:15 p.m. in the 7300 block of Saladin Avenue in south Twentynine Palms. Crews from Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, and the Combat Center arrived to find an abandoned house in flames; Vilorio said it's believed that squatters were living in the structure. Firefighters were able to save the 1,000 square-foot building.

Numerous passers-by reported the second fire at 4:03 p.m. in the 1000 block of Morongo Road, just south of the back gate of the Combat Center. Vilorio said this fire was burning vegetation and brush piles near outbuildings of an occupied mobile home. Crews from the Combat Center, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, and a different fire crew from Twentynine Palms responded and had the fire out quickly. Fire officials are investigating both blazes.

Vilorio said he does not believe the fires are related, nor does he think they are related to a recent string of arsons in the city or Wonder Valley.

<http://z1077fm.com/two-fires-in-twentynine-palms-tuesday/>

Morning Structure Fire Burns Two Houses

Carl Baker, Public Information Officer, Redlands City News

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Photo Courtesy of: Carl Baker

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Upon arrival shortly after 10:30 a.m., firefighters found a well-established fire in a single-story residential structure and a detached garage. Residents in the home evacuated without injury prior to the arrival of firefighters.

The radiant heat from the fire caused an adjacent vacant single-story residence to also ignite. A second alarm was called to assist with the extinguishment and extensive overhaul efforts.

A crew from Southern California Edison also responded to cut power to a downed line that was creating an additional hazard for fire crews.

Crews remained on scene for approximately five hours. In addition to 20 Redlands firefighters, additional firefighters responded to the incident from Loma Linda Fire Department, **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, Cal Fire, Rialto Fire Department, Colton Fire Department, and San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Fire Department. Redlands Police responded to assist with road closures.

Damage from the fire is estimated at \$400,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://redlands.citynewsgroup.com/articles/morning-structure-fire-burns-two-houses->

Truck drifts into opposite lanes of SR-138, killing two drivers

CHP Press Release, Redlands Community News

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A 19-year-old Hesperia man driving west on State Route 138 Saturday morning in Phelan allowed his truck to veer into the eastbound lanes and collided with a Jeep driven by a 30-year-old Phelan woman, the CHP reports. Both drivers died.

The collision occurred just after 7 a.m. on June 13. The unidentified driver of the 2019 GMC 3500 box truck was west of Wimmer Road at approximately when his collided with the driver of a 2016 Jeep Patriot, said a press release. Both driver were traveling at about 70 mph.

“The front of the GMC collided into the front of the Jeep causing both vehicles to overturn,” the release said. “The GMC and Jeep became fully engulfed in flames.”

San Bernardino County Fire Department arrived on scene and extinguished the fire.

There is no evidence to suggest that either party was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending identification and notification of next of kin by the San Bernardino County coroner's office.

The collision is still under investigation, anyone with information regarding this collision is encouraged to contact Officer J. Duran at the San Bernardino CHP Office at (909) 383-4247.

https://www.redlandscommunitynews.com/news/public_safety/truck-drifts-into-opposite-lanes-of-sr-138-killing-two-drivers/article_3c5a900a-b032-11ea-b596-8754c2994280.html

Know the Law and Keep Everyone Safe

Tracey Martinez, Public Information Officer SBCoFD, Redlands City News

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Photo Courtesy of: Pexels

Possession of any type of fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks is against any law in any unincorporated area of San Bernardino County. "Safe and sane" fireworks are only allowed in the following cities: Colton, and specific locations in Grand Terrace and San Bernardino.

Possession of any type of fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks, is against the law in any unincorporated area of San Bernardino County. In the event a fire occurs due to the unsafe use of fireworks, the responsible persons are likely to face criminal charges and be held liable for damages.

"Safe and Sane" fireworks are only allowed in the following cities: Adelanto, Chino, Colton, Needles, and Rialto, as well as specific locations in Fontana, Grand Terrace, and San Bernardino. Please call the fire department in these cities for more information. All fireworks are illegal elsewhere in the county. All fireworks that explode, shoot into the air or move along the ground are termed dangerous and are illegal anywhere in California.

With San Bernardino County facing a dangerous wildland fire season, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department (SBCoFD) has increased its vigilance in enforcing state and county firework laws to protect public health and safety. Fire and law enforcement agencies will be conducting operations this year to stop attempts to smuggle tens of thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest. Property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored or used on their property.

"Residents play an important role in our fireworks investigations. If you see something, say something. Call the authorities or WeTip hotline at 1-800-47-ARSON to anonymously report illegal fireworks," Fire Marshal Mike Horton said.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, on a typical 4th of July, fireworks cause more fires in the U.S. than all other causes combined. In addition to fires, fireworks cause deaths, blindness, maiming injuries to children and adults, re-traumatize war veterans suffering from PTSD, and frighten household pets.

While “Safe and Sane” fireworks are allowed in some San Bernardino County communities, the County Board of Supervisors and SBCoFD encourage residents to watch fireworks at community celebrations rather than use their own. Visit sbcfire.org for a schedule of local firework displays.

When using Safe and Sane fireworks where allowed, SBCoFD offers some safety tips:

- Always use fireworks (“Safe and Sane” only) with an adult present.
- Always read and follow label directions
- Always have water (garden hose/bucket) and a fire extinguisher within reach
- Always place fireworks on a firm, non-combustible surface, like a sidewalk or pavement
- Never alter fireworks
- Never re-light “dud” fireworks
- Homemade fireworks are often deadly; leave the making of fireworks to the experts
- Never point, throw or mishandle fireworks

For more information on fireworks safety, contact your local fire station.

Have a SAFE celebration!

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