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Temperatures of 100 degrees overcame an experienced hiker out at Amboy Crater Sunday morning. County Fire Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said firefighters were called to the crater at 8:49 a.m. because a man, identified as being in his 50s to 60s, was overcome by a heat-related illness. McClintock said the air temperature was about 100 degrees, although the volcanic rocks were significantly hotter. The men had hiked to the rim of the crater and were on their way back to the parking lot, when about a quarter of a mile from the parking lot one man said he couldn’t go on. McClintock said the hikers were experienced and had enough water with them, but despite the precautions, he was still overcome by the heat. Firefighters hiked in to get him, treated him at the scene, and then carried him out. He was taken to Hi-Desert Medical Center for more treatment.


SUPERVISORS TO PLACE REPEAL OF FP-5, APPROVE LOCAL SHERIFF CONTRACTS
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When county supervisors meet in San Bernardino at 10 a.m. tomorrow the proceedings will be open to the public, as will be the video conferencing center in the County Government Building in Joshua Tree. In all cases, face masks and strict social distancing will be required. Here’s reporter Mike Lipsitz to tell us what’s on the agenda…

Tomorrow, county supervisors are expected to approve the language and placement of the controversial “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five” on the November 3 General Election ballot. The board will also likely approve annual revenue contracts with the Sheriff/Coroner for law enforcement services beginning July 1 with Twentynine Palms for $4.3 million and Yucca Valley for $5.6 million. Then turning to the coronavirus pandemic, supervisors are expected to ratify the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES, Act Airport Grant Agreement that will provide a $20,000 grant to Twentynine Palms Airport for revenue recovery due to the pandemic.

While the public may attend in person, everyone is strongly encouraged to attend the meeting via the live video stream.

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health, the Governor’s Executive Order and Office and the San Bernardino County Public Health Officer:

(1) The public may view the Board Meeting live stream at

http://www.sbcounty.gov/Main/Pages/ViewMeetings.aspx;
(2) To comment on a specific agenda item or make a general comment prior to the meeting, submit comments via email at
BoardMeetingComments@cob.sbcounty.gov or online at

Comments received by 8 a.m. the day of the meeting will be forwarded to the Board members for review and kept with the meeting record.

(3) If you wish to make a comment on a specific item or a general public comment while watching the live stream, submit comments, limited to 250 words or less, to the Clerk of the Board at

All comments received prior to the end of the meeting will be provided to the Board of Supervisors after the meeting and kept with the meeting record.

(4) If attending the meeting in person, facial coverings are required and seating in the board chambers is limited to maintain appropriate social distancing. Additional seating with video and audio of the meeting will be available.

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BRUSHFIRE IN YUCCA VALLEY FRIDAY
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Firefighters were called to a small vegetation fire in Yucca Valley Friday evening. About 8:30 p.m., several passers-by reported a fire behind the Starbucks and McDonalds just off Sunnyslope near the intersection with Warren Vista. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Donnie Viloria said a 50-by-50- foot spot of vegetation caught fire due to an illegal cooking fire in a homeless encampment behind the businesses. One person sustained minor injuries and was treated by paramedics at the scene. Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree firefighters completed an aggressive attack and kept the fire from spreading to nearby structures. It was contained in under 10 minutes. No property was damaged in the fire.

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San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel responded to a structure fire in 10700 block of Riggins Road at approximately 6:45 a.m. Sunday morning. [PHOTO COURTESY OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT]

PHELAN — A Cal Fire firefighter suffered heat-related injuries while dispatched to a structure fire Sunday morning.

The firefighter was transported for additional medical care and an update on his condition was not immediately available Sunday afternoon.

Firefighters responded to reports of a structure fire in the 10700 block of Riggins Road at approximately 6:45 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire Department spokesperson Mike McClintock said.

Firefighters responded on scene seven minutes later and found heavy smoke coming from a detached garage with extension to the home. Fire crews contained the fire to the garage by approximately 7:15 a.m.

McClintock said Cal Fire assisted as the fire would possibly spread to nearby vegetation.

A total of four fire trucks, an ambulance, battalion chief and investigator arrived on scene.

McClintock said the cause of fire was under investigation.