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Car fire

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[San Bernardino County Fire ME 32]

A burned automobile is loaded onto a wrecker after a fire snarled traffic on Boundary Cone Road between Fort Mohave and Mohave Valley on Tuesday afternoon. According to reports, the car's engine compartment caught fire and ignited a brush fire that also extended to at least one utility pole in the area. Boundary Cone was shut down while emergency personnel responded. No injuries were reported. No additional information was available Tuesday night.

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/car-fire/image_976c132a-b5e5-11ea-b566-274139287fb7.html

Illegal fireworks blamed for sparking brush fire near homes in Colton

Tony Kurzweil and Steve Kuzj, KTLA 5 News

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(City of Colton Fire Facebook)

Illegal fireworks are being blamed for a brush fire that burned dangerously close to homes in Colton Tuesday night.

The fire was sparked between East Scenic Drive and Award Drive and took six engines to douse, the City of Colton Fire Department stated in a post on Facebook shortly before 11:30 p.m.

The blaze burned in dense vegetation near the homes but crews were able to keep the fire from spreading.

Firefighters from Loma Linda and **San Bernardino County** also responded to help fight the brush fire, which had been extinguished by Wednesday morning.

Investigators determined the fire was caused by illegal fireworks, the Colton Fire Department stated.

No structure damage or injuries were reported.

The fire comes amid several reports in recent days of illegal fireworks being set off around Southern California.

Using illegal fireworks can result in a \$1,000 fine and the possibility of being arrested.

<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/illegal-fireworks-blamed-for-sparking-brush-fire-near-homes-in-colton/>

Coroner ID's woman killed on Highway 138 as Markella Smith, 25

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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PHELAN, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner identified the woman struck and killed on Highway 138 as Markella Smith, a 25-year-old woman from Las Vegas.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at approximately 3:33 AM, officers with the California Highway Patrol responded to the eastbound lanes of State Route 138 near mile marker 13.5 for the report of a pedestrian having been struck by a vehicle.

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.

Upon arrival, the pedestrian, 25-year-old Markella Smith, of Las Vegas, Nevada, was pronounced dead by paramedics with **San Bernardino County Fire Department** at 4:00 AM.

Marquise Smith launched a Gofundme account to help with his sister Markella's funeral expenses. "My sister's life was insured under my mom's insurance policy up until the day she turned 25 years old; four days prior to her sudden death," stated Marquise.

According to Marquise, his sister was intoxicated with her "friends" and was left by her "friends" to wander on a dark highway where she was hit by a vehicle. Marquis said at this time there are no charges being brought upon those who left her on the highway.

Markella leaves behind three beautiful girls and a fiancé that will need the support of her loved ones. Donations for Markella can be made via the following link: Markella Smith Gofundme.

A woman named Kathryn Scott who was one of the last people to see Markella alive posted a video to social media explaining her side of the story after being accused of leaving her friend.

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/coroner-ids-woman-killed-on-highway-138-as-markella-smith-25/>

Marshall to Lead Emergency Operations

San Bernardino County Fire Press Release, San Bernardino City News

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San Bernardino County Fire Chief Dan Munsey is pleased to announce the assignment of Assistant Chief Tom Marshall as the new Deputy Chief of Emergency Operations, effective immediately. Chief Marshall will oversee the department's fire, rescue and EMS operations.

Fire Chief Dan Munsey stated, "Chief Marshall has demonstrated the ability to successfully manage resources and has shown strong leadership throughout his 22 years with the District. His vast array of experience, coupled with his strong leadership skills, will move this complex, all-risk department forward in operations in accordance with its mission and values."

Chief Marshall proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corp prior to starting his fire service career in 1990. Marshall has over 29 years of experience in the fire service, starting off as a volunteer firefighter. He began his full-time career as a Firefighter with the Fort Irwin Fire Department, crossing over to County Fire as an Engineer in 1998. Since then, Marshall has worked his way through the ranks, promoting to Captain in 2001, Battalion Chief in 2014 and Assistant Chief in 2016. Marshall has served on the USAR team and has been proactive on numerous committees.

"I am honored to serve in my new role. Community involvement and fostering relationships with our cooperators remains a priority," stated Chief Tom Marshall. "The challenges of the fire service are forever evolving. I will continue focusing on improving our firefighting technology and enacting innovative modern firefighting to best serve our communities."

Chief Marshall has served in every division of the District and is familiar with the unique and diverse needs of the respective divisions. He currently serves on a Type II Incident Management Team, where he has been active since 2002, responding to hundreds of large-scale emergency incidents. Marshall is a qualified California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) instructor and holds CSFM Fire and Chief Officer certificates.

Chief Marshall and his wife Amy have two grown children. In their leisure time, they enjoy boating, off-roading, travelling and spending quality time with their family.

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