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Person is hospitalized after escaping house fire in Fontana on Aug. 11

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Firefighters extinguish a house fire in Fontana on Aug. 11. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A person was transported to a local hospital for smoke inhalation after escaping a house fire in the 6600 block of Tokay Avenue in the northern part of Fontana in the early morning hours of Aug. 11.

At about 12:25 a.m., the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to a single-story, single-family dwelling that was well involved by a fire.

When firefighters arrived on scene, they went into an attack mode to battle the blaze. Flames were coming from the front of the house, and heavy smoke was coming from the roof.

Firefighters were able to mitigate the damage to the home, and no other structures were damaged.

There were no reports of injuries to firefighters.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department is investigating the incident.

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Three youth die in fiery crash on I-15 near Baker

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BAKER — Three young people died in a fiery collision on Saturday when the minivan that they were riding in slammed into a big rig on Interstate 15 just north of Baker.

At approximately 7 p.m., a 32-year-old woman from San Francisco was driving a 2020 Chrysler minivan on northbound I-15 in an unknown lane and at a high rate of speed, the California Highway Patrol's Barstow office said.

At that time, a 61-year-old man from Homer, La., was driving a Kenworth 3-Axle tractor-trailer in the No. 3 lane at approximately 25 mph and directly ahead of the minivan, the report said.

For reasons unknown, the driver of the minivan failed to observe her vehicle rapidly overtaking the rear of the tractor-trailer. The front of the minivan then hit the rear of the tractor-trailer, became wedged underneath it, and was immediately engulfed in flames, the CHP reported.

After the vehicles stopped, the driver of the minivan was able to get out of her vehicle. The driver of the tractor-trailer also got out of his vehicle and helped a 12-year-old boy escape the minivan.

The CHP said that a 35-year-old woman from San Francisco, a 16-year-old girl and a 9-year-old boy were able to get out of the minivan before it became fully engulfed in flames.

After **San Bernardino County Fire** Department firefighters extinguished the blaze, two female passengers, aged 18 and 15, were found in the minivan and were pronounced dead. The 12-year-old boy who had been helped out of the minivan also died, the CHP said.

The driver and remaining passengers of the minivan were flown to University Medical Center in Las Vegas and were treated for moderate to serious injuries. The driver of the tractor-trailer was uninjured, the report said.

On Monday, the condition of the minivan passengers was unknown.

As a result of the collision, all lanes of northbound I-15 were temporarily closed while fire personnel extinguished the flames from the minivan. There was also a long-term closure of the No. 2 and No. 3 lanes for the recovery of the involved vehicles.

It is unknown if alcohol or drugs were a contributing factor in the collision.

Anyone with information on the collision was asked to contact the California Highway Patrol Barstow Office at 760-255-5900.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20200810/three-youth-die-in-fiery-crash-on-i-15-near-baker>

Argument leads to fire and arrest

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Fire burns on property in Desert Heights Sunday, Aug. 9.

TWENTYNINE PALMS — An argument over an electronic device reportedly led to the arrest, for arson of a Twentynine Palms boy, 17, Sunday, Aug. 9, in the Desert Heights community.

County firefighters were called to a structure fire in the area of Brant Crossing Road and Wilson Way at about 8:20 p.m., Battalion Chief Mike McClintock reported.

“While en-route, some previous history in the area and a law enforcement call to the address, units staged until it was safe to engage in firefighting,” he said.

“Once clear, crews found a mobile home, an RV, two cars and other yard items well involved in fire.”

Crews from Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center worked on a defensive attack and knocked the fire down in approximately 15 minutes. The mobile home, RV and cars were a total loss.

No damage estimates were available. The fire was out in approximately 30 minutes.

Deputies were called to the fire at 8:25 p.m.

They were told an argument between the 17-year-old and a parent over an electronic device had escalated when the juvenile threatened to hurt the parent and set fire to the house, causing the parent to flee.

According to information provided by the sheriff’s station the juvenile was upset because his mother broke his computer and told her he was going to shoot her in the head and burn the house down.

She fled and he reportedly poured gasoline in the living room and lit it on fire.

Several neighbors called 911 to report a fire at the property and responding deputies found the home fully engulfed in flames.

They located the juvenile when he tried to flee on an off-highway vehicle and he was detained and arrested for criminal threats and arson. He was transported to San Bernardino Juvenile Hall for booking.

Detectives from the Bombs and Arson Division responded to assume the investigation at the scene.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department Morongo Basin Station at (760) 366-4175.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may contact We-Tip at 1-888-78-CRIME.

<https://hidesertstar.com/news/171781/argument-leads-to-fire-and-arrest/>

JUVENILE THREATENS MOTHER, SETS MOBILE HOME ON FIRE

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A 17-year-old boy is accused of setting fire to a mobile home in Twentynine Palms August 9. **San Bernardino County Fire** Department photo

A juvenile was arrested following a suspicious fire in Twentynine Palms Sunday night. Deputies had been called to the 700 block of Canyon Road about 6:37 p.m., because a juvenile was upset with his mother over breaking his computer.

The Sheriff's report said the 17-year-old boy was going to shoot her and burn the place down. The woman left the location in fear for her life.

While alone, the juvenile allegedly poured gasoline in the living room and set it on fire.

Firefighters were called about 8:15 p.m., and for safety concerns, they waited until deputies arrived to clear the scene.

Firefighters found a mobile home, an RV trailer, two cars, and many other items on fire in a homestead compound that had no utilities or power to the site.

Crews knocked down the fire in about 20 minutes and they were on scene about five hours mopping up.

Deputies located the boy who had tried to flee on an off-road vehicle.

The boy was arrested for investigation of arson and making criminal threats, and taken to San Bernardino Juvenile Hall.

<http://z1077fm.com/juvenile-threatens-mother-sets-mobile-home-on-fire/>