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3-alarm pallet fire erupts in San Bernardino County

By Josh DuBose, KTLA

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Crews on the scene of a three-alarm pallet fire outside a commercial structure in Muscoy (SBCFD)

Firefighters in San Bernardino County battled a pallet fire at a commercial structure in Muscoy that also ignited a small brushfire, authorities announced on Sunday.

Crews with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to reports of a large pile of pallets burning outside a commercial building, located in the 2500 block of Kern Street, just after 5 p.m. Less than an hour later, authorities declared the blaze a three-alarm fire that was threatening several other properties.

Multiple water tenders were requested as a result of water pressure and supply issues.

A small vegetation fire, an estimated half-acre, started because of exposure to the commercial fire and had to be contained by crews with Cal Fire San Bernardino, officials said.

By 7:30 p.m., officials reported that the pallet fire had been knocked down and multiple homes and vehicles were saved.

It is unclear how the fire started. So far, no injuries have been reported and no evacuations have been ordered.

“Crews will remain on-scene for multiples hours. Fire investigators also on-scene,” authorities said.

<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/3-alarm-pallet-fire-erupts-in-san-bernardino-county/>

All Fireworks Illegal in Morongo Basin

By Robert Haydon, z1077FM

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You’ve been hearing about it all week – and chances are while you are listening to this, temperatures are creeping up into the triple digits in the Morongo Basin for the first time this year.

California’s first heat wave of the year is here – and even though a wetter spring brought milder temperatures and cooler mornings and nights over the last few months, a high-pressure system is going to bring warmer air from Mexico and dropping it on the Morongo basin – keeping it hot all weekend.

The hot weather comes as we celebrate Independence Day weekend – with many of us heading outdoors for cookouts and outdoor activities during the day, and taking advantage of the long, warm summer nights for firework activities on the 4th.

When celebrating this weekend and on the 4th itself, remember that all fireworks are completely illegal in the Morongo basin. That includes the “safe and sane” fireworks that some parts of California allow – but that’s not the case here where extra hot and dry conditions along with invasive grass and weeds create wildfire hazards all summer and into fall.

Causing a wildfire with illegal fireworks not only puts our Morongo basin and first responders at risk – it can also find you fiscally responsible for the damage caused.

Captain Bennett Milloy CalFire Specialist was on the Up Close Show yesterday and talked with Gary Daigneault, where he and **San Bernardino County Fire** Prevention Specialist Tim English outlined one of the personal risks that you may not think about when lighting off illegal fireworks:

Captain Bennett Milloy: “With CalFire, In the case of a vegetation fire and we find you responsible for that... we seek restitution from you, so you would have to pay for the suppression cost. I don’t know if you’ve saw the news lately and what it cost to suppress these large and damaging wildfires, but you know they can typically be in the 10’s or 30s of millions of dollars and you would be responsible for paying the state back for the suppression costs.”

This year, kick back and let the pros handle the explosives – there are fireworks shows all over the Morongo Basin on Tuesday the 4th, and no matter where you are watching the celebrations, you can tune into z107.7 for a patriotic soundtrack as a background to the show.

<https://z1077fm.com/fires-sparked-by-illegal-fireworks-could-end-up-costing-you/>

Semi-Trailer catches fire on I-215 In Devore Friday Night

By Staff Writer, Pain In The Pass

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DEVORE, CA. (Pain In the Pass) >> A semi-trailer caught fire Friday night on Interstate 215. (Photo above is credit by Alex Pena)

California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Department were called to the scene. Emergency dispatcher said the trailer caught fire about 6:14pm on Friday June 30, 2023 in the northbound right shoulder just before Devore Road exit.

When the semi stop on the right shoulder, flames were coming from rear-end of the trailer brakes/tires area. Minutes later the flames reach the trailer. Before the fire department were on scene flames were spreading inside the trailer.

The driver was able to detach the tractor from the trailer to save the tractor cab from catching fire.

The trailer was fully loaded and was not described in the traffic log. Officials said the trailer has broke in half burned to the ground. Firefighters, hazardous material, and tow truck crews remain at the scene early Saturday morning.

The cause of the big rig tractor fire is unknown at this time. There is a report it came from rear axles of the trailer. No injuries were reported.

<https://paininthepass.info/2023/07/01/semi-trailer-catches-fire-on-i-215-in-devore-friday-night/>

Multiple Vehicle Crash on Cajon Blvd Saturday afternoon

By Staff Writer, Pain In The Pass

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SAN BERNARDINO, CA (Pain in the Pass) >> A four vehicle crash on Cajon Boulevard/old Route 66 Saturday afternoon. (Photo above is credit by Yetsy Nunez)

California Highway Patrol and firefighters from **San Bernardino County Fire** Department responded to the traffic crash. The accident happened at 4:10pm Saturday July 1, 2023, on Cajon Blvd. between Keenbrook Road and Swarthout Canyon Rd. in the Blue Cut area.

The vehicles involved in the collision was a silver Acura RSX car with major front-end damage. The second vehicle was a white Ford Explorer with major rear-end damage. The third vehicle was a blue Ford Explorer SUV with rear-end damage. The fourth vehicle was silver unknown sedan with minor front-end damage.

At least one person was transported by a ground ambulance to a local hospital with unknown injuries. Two other persons had minor injuries.

Additional details were limited at this time. This incident will be under investigation by the California Highway Patrol Inland Office.

<https://paininthepass.info/2023/07/01/multiple-vehicle-crash-on-cajon-blvd-saturday-afternoon/>