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## San Bernardino County Briefing: Lack of Testing Holding County Back from Re-Openings

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**County Fire** Chief Dan Munsey told residents that the county fire department depends on tax revenue as its main source of revenue. If businesses aren't open, then the fire department isn't getting the revenue it needs to survive. He urged residents to get tested so businesses can re-open.

A late spike in COVID-19 cases due to the Labor Day holiday weekend caused the San Bernardino County case rate to exceed one of the two criteria needed to move into a less-restrictive designation. While the positivity rate is low enough, the number of residents who are being tested is not. Managing editor Tami Roleff says representatives from the county urged residents to get tested during a county briefing Wednesday...

“Because of activity over Labor Day, we just went right over the top.”

County Chair Curt Hagman said county numbers spiked from the Labor Day weekend, but the county is doing much better now compared to the Fourth of July spike, when the positivity rate was 22-23 percent.

Supervisor Janice Rutherford, like all the other supervisors, agreed that everyone wants county businesses to re-open as soon as possible, but the county has to first reach metrics set by the state.

“No matter what your personal beliefs about testing, no matter what your political position on COVID is, ... help us as neighbors get re-opened. We need 900 to 1,000 more tests per day to make that happen.”

**County Fire** Chief Dan Munsey reminded residents that the county fire department depends on tax revenue to fund its services. When businesses aren't open and collecting sales tax, the fire department will not receive the funds it needs to operate. He urged residents to get tested so that businesses can re-open.

Supervisor Dawn Rowe listed some of the businesses that could reopen if more residents got tested.

“Indoor dining, churches, weddings, movie theaters, gyms, our colleges and universities, can all resume limited indoor operations.”

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## Man is arrested for allegedly setting a fire which damaged a house in San Bernardino

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Firefighters extinguish a fire which erupted at a house in San Bernardino on Sept. 23. Later, a man was arrested for allegedly setting the fire. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino Fire Department)

A man was arrested for allegedly setting a fire which damaged a house in San Bernardino on Sept. 23, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

Fire crews were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 800 block of South Valley View Lane at about 10:23 a.m., said Battalion Chief Mike McClintock. Firefighters arrived within 7 minutes to find smoke and fire erupting from the rear of the home.

Fire attack crews found a well involved house with multiple exposures. The fire was knocked in approximately 20 minutes, limiting damage to just one home.

Later, investigators from the San Bernardino County Fire Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) found the fire's origin to be in the living room near a couch. Through investigation, they found fire had intentionally been set to the couch.

Working in conjunction with San Bernardino Police, Luis Cerda was arrested and booked into West Valley Detention Center on a charge of arson to an inhabited structure.

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## **Fire erupts at residence in Fontana on Sept. 30**

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A fire which erupted at a residence in Fontana was extinguished on Sept. 30, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The fire broke out in the attic of a home in the 15000 block of Fairhaven Drive in the northwestern area of the city, the Fire Department said on Twitter.

Two hours later, the Fire Department said on Twitter that the fire had been knocked down and crews were remaining in overhaul.

No injuries were reported.

[https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-erupts-at-residence-in-fontana-on-sept-30/article\\_46fba73e-0437-11eb-afaf-ef2fd62e2122.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-erupts-at-residence-in-fontana-on-sept-30/article_46fba73e-0437-11eb-afaf-ef2fd62e2122.html)

## SBD opens new UAS Center to support unmanned aviation

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SBD airport operations staff/drone pilots operating the drone during a flight demonstration on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the UAS Center at SBD.

The new UAS Center at San Bernardino International Airport (SBD), which opened in July, now provides a local facility for the development of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) skills and technologies.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, Highland Community News received exclusive access to a flight demonstration at the UAS Center.

The UAS program was announced earlier this month by the Inland Valley Development Agency in partnership with the **San Bernardino County Fire District**. The center provides UAS technology companies a location to conduct test flights at a commercial airport. The training site is at 2235 E Perimeter Road, between the U.S. Forest Service and the San Bernardino Regional Emergency Training Center. The center is set to lay the ground for a cement-landing pad with safety features this week.

[https://www.highlandnews.net/business/sbd-opens-new-uas-center-to-support-unmanned-aviation/article\\_c81bd9d2-03f7-11eb-85c0-d7c4e02a40f9.html](https://www.highlandnews.net/business/sbd-opens-new-uas-center-to-support-unmanned-aviation/article_c81bd9d2-03f7-11eb-85c0-d7c4e02a40f9.html)