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## Structure fire with roof collapse in San Bernardino

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On (5/2/21) the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department received a call of a reported structure on Arrowhead Ave and 6th St in the City of San Bernardino. 5 Medic Engines 1 Medic Truck 1 Battalion Chief and an Investigator were dispatched to the location.

Within the first 3-5 minutes of the call being dispatched Medic Engine 221A arrived on scene and reported that a single-story house was on fire on the Bravo Charlie corner. Firefighters began an offensive attack on the fire and started to conduct a primary search on the interior of the building, during this time the crew from Medic Truck 221 put up a straight ladder on the alpha bravo corner of the building to conduct ventilation operations. While inside the structure conditions began to rapidly change and firefighters began to make their way out of the building without completing their primary. These conditions were also noticed on the roof and a notice to evacuate from the building was given over the radio. Seconds after the last firefighter made it off the roof it collapsed which caused firefighters to start a defensive operation on the building. The crew from Medic Truck 221 put up their 100ft aerial ladder and started to fight the fire on the ladder with a supporting attack line below on ground level by the crew of Medic Engine 222. After more than 2 long hours the fire was finally extinguished.

This fire's cause is currently investigation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BizuG9IHjc>

## Johnson Valley news: Feast on tacos inside or out; pergola coming soon

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The Johnson Valley Community Center is home of the Johnson Valley Improvement Association.

As more and more folks come out to the Johnson Valley Community Center for Saturday Breakfast, we continue to serve each breakfast as ready to go, in case you prefer not to stay or prefer to eat outside.

The same goes for this Saturday's taco dinner, a feast of traditional soft tacos loaded with steak or chicken, plus fresh salsa and dessert, a tasty deal at only \$7.

You place your order and pay in the lobby as usual, but pick it up at the inside kitchen pass-through window — no driving around to pick up at the kitchen door anymore.

If you have not visited the JV Community Center before, it's easy to find, and it's paved roads the whole way. From Hwy. 247, between mileposts 21 and 22, turn onto Larrea Road at the big red Johnson Valley sign. Go 1¾ miles up to the corner of Quailbush, and you're here, 50567 Quailbush Road.

When you arrive, you can't miss the latest project, a freestanding pergola-style structure adding shade to the entry area. This makes additional space for outdoor dining as well as reducing heat gain in the lobby when summer scorchers return. Misters and patio lights are in the plan.

Inspired by the situation last year, because breakfast guests and servers had to wait in the sun, the construction has begun, and it's big. The crew of JVIA member volunteers, led by Larry Weishaar, general contractor, are making this possible.

Off-roaders and campers, alert: public lands in the Johnson Valley OHV Area are closed while the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms trains in this Shared Use Area from this Friday, April 30, through Monday, May 10.

This full week plus two weekends of closure for military operations allows time for inspecting the land for possible hazards to clear before reopening to the public.

Less than half an hour drive west from Johnson Valley on Hwy 247 takes you to the right turn onto Camp Rock Road to access the trails in the OHV area, never closed to the public.

Temperatures are warming up; afternoon winds are to be expected, but, hey, it's May. Longer daylight for desert exploration.

We know some weekenders think it's OK to set off fireworks in the desert — what could possibly go wrong?

To get a handle on the problem, San Bernardino County Fire has announced an online portal for you to report illegal fireworks: <https://bit.ly/3rD7jyt>.

When you use this portal, you alert law enforcement to conduct a follow-up investigation. Reports go into a database designed to assist agencies in “targeting the problem areas, thus focusing our patrol and interdiction resources to those specific areas,” **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District said in a news release.

Fire and law enforcement agencies will conduct operations this year to stop attempts to smuggle tens of thousands of pounds of illegal fireworks, with fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense with the possibility of arrest. Property owners may be cited if they allow fireworks to be possessed, stored, or used on their property.

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