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LA mayor nominates 1st woman as fire chief

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LOS ANGELES – A 22-year Los Angeles Fire Department veteran was nominated Tuesday to become the first woman to lead the department.

Deputy Chief Kristin Crowley would become the first female fire chief for the nation's second-largest city if the nomination by Mayor Eric Garcetti is confirmed by the City Council.

Council President Nury Martinez joined the mayor in announcing the selection at a news conference.

"This is a moment for so many little girls across our city ... for many of them who think you can't be what you can't see," Martinez said. "And today the picture changes."

Crowley, who currently holds the jobs of acting administrative operations chief deputy and fire marshal, said that keeping the department operationally ready would be her number one priority.

Her nomination came as the fire department deals with issues ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic to claims that its female employees face bullying and harassment.

"We will focus on firefighter safety, physical health and overall emotional well-being," Crowley said. "As the fire chief I vow to create and support and promote a culture that truly values diversity, inclusion and equity within the entire organization."

Harassing behavior will not be tolerated, said Crowley, who was a firefighter, paramedic, engineer and battalion chief in the steps of her career leading up her joining the department's command staff.

Garcetti recounted how Crowley and her wife, who had just retired from the Fire Department, helped a family member leave Malibu Canyon during the disastrous 2018 Woolsey Fire and then battled flames for 16 hours, saving nine out of 10 homes on that street.

"If that isn't heroism in action I'm not sure what is," the mayor said.

Crowley would replace Ralph Terrazas, who became the department's first Latino chief in 2014 and promoted Crowley several times.

Terrazas plans to retire March 26, ending a 38-year career that included the department responding to the coronavirus pandemic by running city sites that have administered millions of COVID-19 tests and vaccinations.

The department has about 3,400 uniformed personnel and 106 fire stations serving about 4 million people across 469 square miles.

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2-Alarm Fire Spreads to Attic of CA Apartment Building

Quinn Wilson, INLAND VALLEY DAILY BULLETIN

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San Bernardino County firefighters fought a two-alarm apartment fire in the City of Upton that damaged eight units.

Jan. 17—A fire broke out at a large apartment complex and damaged eight units in Upland Monday afternoon, Jan. 17, although it is currently unclear if anyone was injured.

The fire was reported just after 1 p.m. at 1580 W. Eighth St. near Benson Avenue. Smoke and flames were coming out of a two-story apartment building and fire crews learned that both floors of the building and an attic space had become involved in fire, the Fire Department said on Twitter.

The fire was extinguished shortly after 3 p.m., the San Bernardino County Fire Department said. The fire's origin was under investigation.

The Ontario Fire Department, the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District and the Chino Valley Independent Fire District assisted with the incident, the county Fire Department said.

The American Red Cross was on scene to assist the displaced residents, the Fire Department said. The exact number of residents receiving services was not immediately available, said Christine Welch, spokeswoman with the American Red Cross.

"The Red Cross is working to provide food, shelter, health services, and more, for those who were displaced by the fire," Welch said.

Any displaced residents can contact the American Red Cross at 1-800- RED-CROSS.

<https://www.firehouse.com/operations-training/news/21253378/2alarm-fire-spreads-to-attic-of-upton-ca-apartment-building>

Fire Damages Southern California Apartment Building

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UPLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Red Cross was called in to care for displaced residents after fire, smoke and water damaged eight units of a Southern California apartment building.

The blaze was reported Monday afternoon in Upland and responding **San Bernardino County fire** crews found units on the first and second floors on fire.

A search of the building found no victims and the fire was extinguished in 45 minutes, Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said in a statement.

Four apartment units had fire and smoke damage. Four others had smoke and water damage.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/california/articles/2022-01-18/fire-damages-southern-california-apartment-building>

Residential Structure Fire Contained to Chimney

Carl Baker, REDLANDS COMMUNITY NEWS

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The fire occurred on Tuesday, January 11 in the 1700 block of Stratford Circle.

The Redlands Fire Department responded to a report of a residential structure fire in the 1700 block of Stratford Circle Tuesday, Jan. 11. No injuries were reported.

Units arrived shortly before 9 p.m. to find a two-story residential structure with a chimney fire. Firefighters quickly made access to the roof and contained the fire to the chimney.

The fire was extinguished in about 15 minutes, and crews remained on the scene for approximately one hour for overhaul. Damage was estimated at about \$5,000.

In addition to the Redlands Fire Department, Loma Linda and **San Bernardino County Fire** departments responded.

<https://redlands.citynewsgroup.com/articles/residential-structure-fire-contained-to-chimney>

Pedestrian death from attempted suicide on Bear Valley Road in Hesperia

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Hesperia, CA (VVNG.com) — A 23-year-old pedestrian was beaten and killed on Tuesday morning on suspicion of attempted suicide, officials said.

It occurred at the intersection of Bear Valley Road and Balsam Avenue in Hesperia around 8:30 am on January 18, 2022.

An agent arrived at the scene with **San Bernardino County Fire** Department staff and placed a man on lane # 3 on Bear Valley Road.

Sheriff officials said the male subject was taken to a local hospital on the ground and later injured. His identity has been withheld until notice of a close relative.

According to a news release, “Collision witnesses appeared to have deliberately entered the roadway as a male subject walked to the side of a semi-truck moving east on Bear Valley Road. , I believe the semi-truck driver is unaware of the collision and is still working to identify him. “

The Veterans Crisis Line is a qualified Veterans Affairs (VA) service member and endangered Veterans, as well as their families and friends, through confidential free dial hotlines, online chat, or text messaging services. Connect with the respondents. Dial 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 to talk to someone or send a text message to 838255 to connect to your VA responder. You can also start a confidential online chat session with Veterans Crisis Chat.

<https://californianewstimes.com/pedestrian-death-from-attempted-suicide-on-bear-valley-road-in-hesperia-vvng-com/658759/>