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San Bernardino County breaks ground on its first-ever fire headquarters

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An artist's rendering of San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's first-ever headquarters building. Construction work began on the San Bernardino site on Wednesday. Construction is scheduled to be completed by December 2023. (Courtesy of San Bernardino County)

For the first time in its 94-year history, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District is getting a true headquarters of its own.

“The district has grown so much over the last few years, it became really important for us to have a place where we could build more synergy between our various divisions and also have a location that’s easily accessible to the public, where they can have the majority of their needs met in one space,” said Bertral Washington, the fire district’s deputy chief of administration.

In October, much of a 79,679-square-foot, two-story building and basement that once housed federal offices was demolished. On Wednesday, Nov. 16, the county officially began constructing the new building using the remaining structure of the old one. Construction is expected to wrap in late 2023.

The \$26 million project, located at 958 S. Tippecanoe Ave. in San Bernardino, will bring multiple divisions of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District under one roof. Currently the district’s administration, fire marshal, and training, safety and EMS divisions operate out of leased offices.

“Whether they’re going to the marshals or the EMS divisions or reports and updates,” the new site will be more accessible to the public, according to Washington.

The project also brings upgraded technology to the department, he said.

“We’ll have more technology in this new facility,” Washington said. “Our goal is that we’ll transition many of our papered functions to paperless functions.”

And the new site will have more accommodations for the fire district’s dogs, with carpeting and other facilities suited to the regular presence of dogs, some of whom will be headquartered at the site.

A firefighters’ memorial is also planned for the new headquarters at some point in the future.

The **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District operates 48 fire stations and seven paid-call/volunteer fire stations. It has 1,060 employees, including more than 760 firefighters.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2022/11/21/san-bernardino-county-breaks-ground-on-its-first-ever-fire-headquarters/>

Motorcycle rider airlifted after a crash on Highway 395 in Hesperia

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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A motorcycle rider suffered major injuries following a crash Monday evening. (Hugo C. Valdez — VVNG.com)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A motorcycle rider was airlifted to a trauma center after crashing on Highway 395 Monday evening.

The traffic collision was reported just after 6:00 pm, on November 21, 2022, at the intersection of Highway 395 and Poplar Street.

When **San Bernardino County Fire** arrived on the scene, they located a rider of a black Harley Davidson motorcycle suffering from major injuries.

A helicopter was requested to land nearby to airlift the rider to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

A witness named Julio Hidalgo commented in a Facebook post and said the rider is a 70-year-old male and several people ran to help the rider. “If it wasn’t for the lady who put her car to protect him he wouldn’t have made it. He was awake but was losing consciousness and a guy was helping him [by] keeping him awake.”

A pickup truck hauling a trailer involved in the accident pulled to the right shoulder of US-395 and the driver cooperated with police during the investigation.

Highway 395 was already shut down in Victorville between Main Street and Mesa Street as a result of an earlier crash involving a vehicle that collided with a utility pole.

The motorcycle crash caused the Hesperia side of Highway 395 to close between Main Street and Poplar Street. The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Hesperia Police Department.

https://www.newsmirror.net/yuciapa-meets-new-fire-captain/article_11fbc0dc-678b-11ed-a03c-0319f21af745.html

New digs for County Fire Department underway

Staff Writer, Inland News Today

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Rendering provided by County of San Bernardino

SAN BERNARDINO – (INT) – Construction has started on permanent headquarters of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

The county is repurposing the former Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) building on South Tippecanoe Avenue in San Bernardino.

The new headquarters will house for the first time under one roof the fire district's Administration, Fire Marshal, and Training, Safety & EMS divisions.

The County to terminate costly leases and allow the fire district to work more efficiently.

It provides services to more than 60 communities and all of the county's unincorporated areas. The district operates 48 fire stations and seven paid-call/volunteer fire stations. It has 1,060 employees, including more than 760 firefighters.

https://www.kpvi.com/news/national_news/new-digs-for-county-fire-department-underway/article_e7a26dc4-4602-5e6d-9f54-5aeb30ab1eb.html

Needles, CA: Crash involving a vehicle overturned onto roof along eastbound Interstate 40 just west of River Road Cutoff

Staff Writer, Zach News

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Sources: California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District (Information)

Needles, California: A crash involving vehicle overturned onto roof has occurred along eastbound Interstate 40 just west of River Road Cutoff.

The incident was reported at 1:18 a.m. PT on Saturday, November 19th, 2022 involving a White Nissan TITAN that overturned with three occupants inside the vehicle. California Highway Patrol reports all occupants have crawled out of the vehicle. Medical Engine 32 from **San Bernardino County Fire** and Medical Ambulance 31A are responding.

As of 1:36 a.m. PT, Medical Ambulance 31A is on scene; vehicle on roof and occupiers out of vehicle.

As of 1:38 a.m. PT, Medical Ambulance 31A reports non-injury.

Please drive with caution in the area of the incident.

Awaiting more details to be provided, please stand by.

<https://zachnews.net/2022/11/19/breaking-news-needles-ca-crash-involving-a-vehicle-overturned-onto-roof-along-eastbound-interstate-40-just-west-of-river-road-cutoff/>