



## The News

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A volunteer firefighter from the Hérault SDIS was placed in police custody. He is suspected of having caused several fires in the department. The prefecture states, however, that these are separate events from the big fire that started yesterday morning around the town of Gignac. This fire is now fixed, but an investigation has been opened by the Montpellier prosecutor's office because it may have a criminal origin.

Arson is also suspected in Ardèche. A man suspected of having started several fires was arrested while more than 250 firefighters have been mobilized since this morning following 7 new fires. At least 200 hectares have been ravaged near Aubenas, a situation considered concerning by authorities.

And we learned today that a volunteer firefighter from the Drôme died two days ago after suffering a heart attack in the Bouches du Rhône on July 15 as he fought the flames in the Montagne massif. The firefighters of Drôme and Paris paid tribute to him today.

In the rest of the news, unemployment is down by 0.8% in the second quarter of 2022. Pole Emploi unveiled its figures at noon. Over one year, the drop in the number of workers without any activity amounts to 15.1%. At the same time, the Minister of Labor indicates that he wants to go further on the reform of unemployment insurance. Consultation with the social partners will begin in September.

And then the FFF validates maintaining the Girondins de Bordeaux in Second League. The executive committee of the Federation cancels the administrative demotion of the club to nationals pronounced because of its poor financial situation. The Girondins will however be subjected to a reinforced financial supervision for the next season.