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### **Vegetation Fire Burns Shed/Fence, Structures Saved**

**Date/Time:** 5/14/14 / 12:38 p.m.  
**Location:** 18700 Block 11<sup>th</sup> St. Crestmore  
**Incident:** Vegetation Fire

**Summary:** A fire that started as a grass fire in a backyard quickly spread to a shed and fence but firefighters were able to save two homes. The incident was reported at 12:38 p.m. as a fence on fire and threatening homes. The first engine from the San Bernardino County Fire Department arrived within 6 minutes to find a shed fully involved and a fence burning between two homes. Quick work by firefighters kept the fire confined to those improvements with only minimal damage to the structures. The hot, dry, and windy conditions played a major part in fire spread.

Investigators determined that the incident began as a grass fire behind the shed and moved out from there. Although an exact cause could not be ascertained, it is possible that a discarded cigarette or other incendiary device, thrown into the grass, started the fire.

This incident is a classic example of why simple lawn maintenance and good housekeeping is so important. In this incident tall, dry grass and discarded home improvement material aided fire spread. Removing these items removes the fuel that a fire needs and thus helps to keep fires contained to area of origin.