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Tractor-Trailer Fire Threatens Brush

Date/Time: April 22, 2014 at 6:53 p.m.
Location: Interstate 15 Freeway near Hwy 395 in Hesperia.
Incident: Truck/Vegetation Fire

Summary: Just before 7:00 p.m., the San Bernardino County Fire Department received calls of a tractor Trailer on fire in the northbound lanes of Interstate 15, near Hwy 395. Initial reports indicated that the brush next to the truck was burning, prompting the responding battalion chief to add a water tender and three brush engines in addition to the units already en route. When the first units arrived on scene, they found that the Tractor was fully involved and fire had spread to the vegetation next to the freeway. Firefighters made quick work of stopping the spread of fire into the brush and then concentrated efforts on extinguishing the truck cab fire. Firefighters were able to hold the spread of the fire in the vegetation to a small spot and were also able to protect the trailer and its contents.

One traffic lane of the freeway was closed for approximately 45 minutes while the 9 firefighters worked, assisted by Cal-Fire. Three engines and a battalion chief remained on the scene while the other units were cancelled due to the quick "knock-down" of the fire.

Due to the extremely dry conditions that we have been experiencing in Southern California, reports of fires in vegetation are not taken lightly. These fires can quickly get out of hand and threaten life and property. The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to ask its residents to report fires promptly and to do your part in preventing fires. For more information on preventing fires, see www.sbcfire.org

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