

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Gasoline Release into Big Bear Lake

**Date/Time:** June 25, 2014

Location: 500 Block of Paine Court, Big Bear Lake Incident: Hazardous Materials Release Response

**Summary:** After receiving notification of a release of approximately 20 gallons of gasoline into Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County Fire, Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) Hazardous Materials Responders were requested by Big Bear Lake Fire to respond to Big Bear Marina to assist with the investigation of this gasoline release.

Responders arrived on scene and conducted an assessment of the situation. It was confirmed gasoline had leaked from an aboveground storage tank system into the lake. The gasoline has been confined to the marina area. Absorbent pads are being used to absorb the gasoline in the water.

The investigation as to the cause of the release is on-going. Remediation activities will continue throughout the evening into tomorrow. Other local and state agencies will continue to monitor the situation.

Having safe water for all to enjoy is the responsibility of everyone. Should you suspect illegal dumping of anything, including hazardous materials, into any body of water in San Bernardino County, you can report that activity to San Bernardino County Fire, OFM at (909) 386-8425.

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