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## Three-alarm fire damages San Bernardino hotel, guests evacuated

John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Posted: July 21, 2016, 10:11 PM



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**SAN BERNARDINO >>** A three-alarm fire damaged at a hotel and caused scores of guests to be evacuated onto Hospitality Avenue.

The fire was reported at 9:42 p.m. as a vegetation fire next to the 10 Freeway that spread to the Super 8 Motel at Hospitality Lane and Commercenter Drive, according to **San Bernardino County firefighter Eric Sherwin**.

The fire burned west along the freeway, hit palm trees and spread to the hotel roof. It also threatened nearby structures.

One hotel was damaged and another was threatened, county fire officials reported via Twitter.

About 40 percent of Super 8 buildings were damaged, according to fire officials. The fire was currently in attic of the building.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

Hotel guests displaced by the fire waited along the sidewalk next to a nearby Ihop restaurant.

About 11:30 p.m., county fire officials reported via Twitter that the fire was under control.

Officials said 70 firefighters, as well as investigators, are on scene.

However, hot dry conditions with thick brush was likely a factor, Sherwin said, though an investigation is still under way.

Other fire agencies assisting county fire include Loma Linda, Colton, Redlands, Highland, and an inmate hand crew is on scene to assist with overhaul.

No known injuries were reported.

This story is developing. Please check back for updates.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160721/three-alarm-fire-damages-san-bernardino-hotel-guests-evacuated>

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## Brush fire damages San Bernardino motel

Matt Hamilton, Los Angeles Times

Posted: July 21, 2016, 10:35 PM



Two buildings were completely engulfed in flames Thursday night in San Bernardino.

A brush fire along the 10 Freeway in San Bernardino spread Thursday night to a large motel, authorities said.

The fire broke out Thursday near Hospitality Lane and Commercenter Drive, east of the interchange of the 210 and 10 freeways, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Flames tore through brush and trees near the freeway and burned parts of two buildings belonging to the Super 8 Motel, fire officials said. An adjacent hotel was also threatened by the blaze.

Aerial footage of the fire on KCAL-TV Channel 9 showed two vehicles burning.

*This story will be updated as more information becomes available.*

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-san-bernardino-hotel-20160721-snap-story.html>

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## Brush fire burns motel in San Bernardino

The Associated Press via The OC Register

Posted: July 21, 2016

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<http://www.oregister.com/articles/fire-723273-bernardino-motel.html>

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**Jeffrey Thomas DeSocio, FOX11**

Posted: July 22 2016, 7:02 AM

Updated: July 22 2016, 7:14AM



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<http://www.foxla.com/news/local-news/178971571-story>

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## **Brush Fire Ignites Motel in San Bernardino**

Jason Kandel and Annette Arreola, NBC Los Angeles

Posted: July 22, 2016, 7:39 AM

California firefighters battled a blaze at a motel in San Bernardino Thursday night that was sparked by a nearby brush fire in punishing triple-digit heat.

The flames tore through the Super 8 Motel in the 200 block of E. Hospitality Lane near Commerce Center Drive, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Firefighters responded to the blaze around 9:45 p.m., which began as a vegetation fire, firefighters said.

Firefighters evacuated the motel while trying to attack the vegetation fire and the structure fire, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department. Flames could be seen shooting from the roof as firefighters battled the blaze.

No civilians suffered any injuries. One firefighter suffered minor injuries during overhaul operations.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Brush-Fire-Ignites-Motel-in-San-Bernardino-387897592.html>

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## **Raging fire destroys much of San Bernardino motel**

Inland News Today

Story Date: July 22, 2016

SAN BERNARDINO – (INT) – Authorities estimate that 40 percent of the Super 8 Motel was damaged in a raging late Thursday night fire.

What started as a fire in the brush and weeds at the edge of Interstate 10 in the Hospitality Lane area, spread to the motel forcing its evacuation and endangering another.

The 3-alarm blaze quickly spread engulfing a pickup truck and damaging other parked vehicles.

Fifteen fire trucks and crews responded containing the flames and spending the rest of the night mopping up.

There were no reported injuries.

The blaze was first major one in the city since fire protection was handed over to the county July 1st. The bankrupt city had operated its own fire department for 137 years.

<http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=42967>

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## **UPDATE: 'East Fire' burns 15 acres in Cajon Pass, shuts down Highway 138**

*Firefighters still battling blaze east of Interstate 15*

**Paola Baker, Daily Press**

Posted: July 21, 2016, 4:28 PM

Updated: July 21, 2016, 6:10 PM



Smoke from the East Fire near Highway 138 is seen Thursday afternoon. Photo courtesy of Jon Edgemon

**CAJON PASS** — Authorities closed Highway 138 east of Interstate 15 to Summit Valley Road because of a vegetation fire that consumed 15 acres Thursday afternoon.

According to scanner traffic and California Highway Patrol logs, brush on the right hand shoulder near Highway 138 caught fire just before 3:45 p.m. Thursday.

CHP logs reported the fire had grown to a half-acre about 10 minutes later. Resources from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, Cal Fire and the San Bernardino National Forest Service were requested to respond.

The blaze was dubbed the East Fire and had spread to 5 acres as of 4:15 p.m., according to County Fire and National Forest Service officials. The fire was reportedly moving in a northwest direction.

The National Forest Service said in its Twitter account around 4:30 p.m. that the fire had grown to 10 acres and urged motorists to use caution while driving on I-15. According to Daily Press reporters on scene, the fire appeared to be under control and the blaze did not affected I-15 traffic.

As of 6 p.m., the fire was holding at 15 acres with fire retardant surrounding it, according to the National Forest Service. Water and fire retardant drops were being conducted.

*Staff writer Monica Solano contributed to this story.*

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20160721/update-east-fire-burns-15-acres-in-cajon-pass-shuts-down-highway-138>

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## **Brush fire burns 15 acres, closes Highway 138 east of the 15 Freeway**

**John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin**

Posted: July 21, 2016, 5:15 PM

CAJON PASS >> A two-alarm brush fire closed Highway 138 in both directions Thursday in the Cajon Pass, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department's** social media account on Twitter.

The fire, reported at 4 p.m. and dubbed the "East Fire," burned east of the 15 Freeway. About 5:05 p.m., the blaze was reported "holding at 15 acres with retardant surrounding the fire," U.S. Forest Service fire officials said in a tweet.

Highway 138 was closed from the 15 Freeway to Summit Valley Road.

A San Bernardino County sheriff's helicopter was reported to be assisting firefighters.

Motorists on the 15 Freeway were advised to use caution, by forest service officials.

The forest service was the lead fire agency with county fire assisting.

Forest Service spokesperson Gerrelaine Alcorido could not say, as of 5:15 p.m., when Highway 138 might reopen.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160721/brush-fire-burns-15-acres-closes-highway-138-east-of-the-15-freeway>

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## **2 hospitalized after fire at San Bernardino convalescent home**

**John M. Blodgett, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin**

Posted: July 21, 2016, 6:56 PM

SAN BERNARDINO >> A Thursday morning fire in a San Bernardino convalescent home sent two residents to the hospital and displaced an unknown number of residents, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department's** Facebook page.

Firefighters went to the four-story building in the 300 block of East Gilbert Street at 8:28 a.m. in response to a combination smoke and water flow alarm, the posts states. After seeing smoke coming from an upper floor window, they requested additional units to respond.

The source of the smoke was a fire in a second-floor apartment, according to fire officials. A team of firefighters attacked the fire while others evacuated residents from the top three floors of the building.

Two residents were hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

The San Manuel Fire Department also responded.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160721/2-hospitalized-after-fire-at-san-bernardino-convalescent-home>