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### **Brush Fires Erupt in San Bernardino County**

San Bernardino County firefighters responded to three brush fires along northbound I-15. At about 3:15 p.m., the first brush fire started along the shoulder of the freeway just north of the I-215/I-15 interchange in Devore. Several minutes later two additional fires occurred on northbound I-15 at Cleghorn Rd. and near the CHP scales.

Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire, CalFire, U.S. Forest Service and surrounding local fire agencies aggressively fought the blaze and kept the fire from spreading to nearby homes. The fire burned a small outbuilding and damaged a barn. No animals were harmed. The fire was quickly contained at 10 acres. There were no evacuations or injuries.

Firefighters from the U.S. Forest Service quickly extinguished the two other blazes. Both fires burned approximately 1/2 acre at each location.

San Bernardino County Fire Investigators along with Sheriff Investigators determined the three fires were not arson but were accidental. The investigation is ongoing.

Just past 4:00 p.m., a brush fire ignited at Euclid and 26th St. in San Antonio Heights, threatening several homes. With a quick response from San Bernardino County Fire, CalFire, U.S. Forest Service and surrounding local fire agencies, the fire was contained at 1 1/2 acres within 40 minutes. There were no evacuations ordered and no injuries sustained. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Had the Santa Ana winds been blowing, the outcome of these fires could have been much different. The height of fire season is upon us here in Southern California. San Bernardino County Fire encourages residents to create a 100' defensible space around their home. Visit [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) to learn how to make your home defensible against fires.

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