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Motel fire origin found, but cause is elusive

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SAN BERNARDINO – (INT) – Investigators have determined the point of origin of last Thursday night’s fire that roared through the Super 8 Motel in the Hospitality Lane area.

It started in some weeds and brush adjacent to the westbound I-10 on-ramp from Waterman Avenue.

Blowing embers quickly spread, igniting nearby palm trees and extending into parked vehicles and two buildings at the motel.

The cause of the initial fire remains under investigation.

All the guests in forty-two rooms safely evacuated. There were no reported injuries.

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

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>

Southland heat wave continues through weekend, fire danger heightened

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It's cooler -- as always -- at the beach. Above, Brett Simpson takes first in his heat to advance in the US Open of Surfing Wednesday in Huntington Beach. (Photo by Mindy Schauer/Orange County Register)

LOS ANGELES — An increased danger of more wildfires will persist today, Friday and possibly through the weekend because of strong winds, low humidity, and the region's heat wave, according to the National Weather Service.

“Elevated fire danger is expected to persist through late in the week and possibly through the weekend. Low humidity and gusty south to southwest winds will combine with hot temperatures each afternoon and evening through Friday,” according to an NWS statement.

The region's strongest winds are expected in the San Gabriel Mountains, with gusts of between 25 and 35 miles per hour, the Santa Clarita Valley, where gusts are expected to swirl at between 25 and 30 mph, and the Antelope Valley, where gusts of between 40 and 45 mph are forecast, although there could be 50- mph gusts near Lake Palmdale.

“The potential for rapid growth and extreme fire behavior will continue, for existing fires and for any new fire that occurs,” the statement said. “Extreme caution is advised in all activities that take place in or near brushy areas.”

NWS forecasters said monsoonal moisture will move into the area from the southeast this week, creating a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday across the mountains of Los Angeles and Ventura counties and in the Antelope Valley.

The NWS forecast a combination of sunny and partly cloudy skies in Los Angeles County today and the following high temperatures:

Avalon: 76

Big Bear: 85

Burbank: 96

Downtown L.A.: 87

Lancaster: 108

LAX: 78

Long Beach: 86

Mount Wilson: 91

North Hollywood: 93

Northridge: 100

Ontario: 98

Palmdale: 107

Pasadena: 98

Rancho Cucamonga: 97

Redlands: 100

San Bernardino: 100

San Pedro: 79

San Gabriel: 94

Santa Clarita: 100

Torrance: 78

Van Nuys: 97

West Covina: 95

Whittier: 91

Woodland Hills: 102

Temperatures were expected to decline slightly over the next several days. They've been running around 8 degrees above normal in valley areas, said NWS weather specialist Stuart Seto.

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/general-news/20160728/southland-heat-wave-continues-through-weekend-fire-danger-heightened>

HIGHWAY 18: Dust From Caltrans Construction Prompts Reports Of Fire

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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Caltrans crews are conducting maintenance work in the closed section of Highway 18 known as The Narrows. Dust from several of the work zones caused calls to 9-1-1 to report a possible vegetation fire. (Photo by ROTWNEWS.com)

Crestline, CA – **San Bernardino County Fire** and U.S. Forest Service firefighters were dispatched at 3:17 p.m. to reports of a vegetation fire by motorists on Highway 18 near Panorama Point.

When units arrived on scene they reported the “smoke” was actually dust from Caltrans maintenance operations in the closed section of The Narrows as crews conduct “winter grooming” operations.

Crews are cleaning drains, conducting rock scaling operations and trimming trees and brush. during an on site visit by ROTWNEWS.com.

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