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County Firefighters Battle Vegetation Fire in Victorville

Date/Time: Saturday, March 21, 2015 4:59 pm
Location: Topaz Ave at Dos Palmas Rd., Victorville

Summary:

At approximately 5 p.m., San Bernardino County Fire received numerous calls of a vegetation fire north west of the intersection of Dos Palmas Rd. and Topaz Rd. in the City of Victorville. The first arriving engine company reported a wind driven $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of vegetation burning near the powerlines. County Fire units were able to contain the flames to an approximate $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in about 15 minutes. Crews remained on scene "mopping up" for 1-2 hours after the fire was declared contained.

County Fire also responded with an all risk inmate crew based out of the Glen Helen Fire Camp in Devore. The inmate crew program is a joint venture between the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept. and San Bernardino County Fire.

The Cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshal. County Fire responded with a total of 30 personnel including 4 engine companies, 1 crew foreman with 14 inmates, 1 battalion chief and a fire investigator. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters and there was no damage to any structures.

County Fire reminds residents that as temperatures increase, there is an increased threat of wildland fires. An abundance of annual grasses from winter rains are now beginning to dry out. These dry grasses become fuel for a potential wildland fire. Your County Firefighters train hard and make countless preparations to be ready for a wildfire, residents need to do that same. For more information on how to be prepared for a wildfire go to www.sbcfire.org.

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