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Crews quickly contain Mojave River bottom blaze

Paola Baker, Daily Press

Posted: August 16, 2018, 12:01 a.m.



San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel responded to a blaze in the Mojave River Bottom, just off Vista Road, Wednesday night. [Paola Baker, Daily Press]

SILVER LAKES — Fire crews worked to contain a blaze that erupted in the Mojave River bottom here Wednesday evening.

As of 9 p.m., **San Bernardino County Fire** Department officials said the fire was holding at 5 acres, with 25 percent containment. Authorities reportedly had detained a person for questioning, according to officials.

The fire was first reported at 7:25 p.m. in the river bottom just off Vista Road, according to County Fire Cpt. Jeremy Kern. First reported as a 300-by-300-foot brush fire, it quickly grew to consume over an acre of vegetation.

By 7:45 p.m., the blaze had spread further, with County Fire sending a full second-alarm response.

Kern said approximately 60 fire personnel, which included five engines, five brush engines, a water tender, a hand crew, a dozer and two chief officers, were dispatched to combat the blaze.

By 8:20 p.m., the crews managed to halt the fire's forward rate of spread, Kern said. No injuries had been reported

Kern said crews would remain on scene well into the night for mop-up. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180816/crews-quickly-contain-mojave-river-bottom-blaze>

Fire tears through vacant Victorville building

Paola Baker, Daily Press

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Firefighters combat a blaze at a vacant building in Victorville Tuesday evening. The fire was doused in about thirty minutes, officials said. [Submitted photos]

VICTORVILLE — Firefighters doused a blaze that tore through a vacant building here Tuesday evening, with no injuries reported.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel rushed to the scene after receiving “multiple reports” of a blaze at a building in the 14300 block of Hesperia Outerhighway West, parallel to Hesperia Road, at 7:31 p.m. Tuesday.

“There were numerous reports of fire, with heavy fire from the front of the building,” County Fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said.

Crews arrived and found flames tearing through the building. Firefighters quickly got to work after a search ensured the building was clear.

The flames were knocked down in about 30 minutes, Sherwin said. No injuries were reported. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20180815/fire-tears-through-vacant-victorville-building>

UPDATE: Helendale river bottom fire held at 5 acres and 100% contained

Staff Writer, VVNG

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(Photo by Brittany Hensley)

UPDATE @ 10:10 PM – The river bottom fire was held to 5 acres with no damages to any structures and no injuries to civilians or firefighters. The fire is currently 100% contained and fire crews will remain on scene through the night as mopping up continues and as they continue to reinforce containment lines around the fire. CHP logs reported the fire was started by a homeless person under the bridge. Sheriff’s officials have one person detained for questioning. However, the official cause of the fire remains under investigation.

UPDATE @ 8:20 pm – The Vista fire is holding at 3 acres with approximately 25% containment and heavy fuel.

HELENDALE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — **San Bernardino County Firefighters** are battling a 2nd alarm vegetation fire in the community of Helendale.

The fire dubbed the #Vistafire was reported at about 7:30 pm, on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, and is burning close to the bridge on Vista and Helendale Roads.

According to a tweet from SB County Fire, the blaze is currently at 1 acre and burning in the river bottom with heavy fuel and a slow rate of spread.

The fire was changed to a second alarm prompting additional resources including hand crews.

At this time the cause of the fire remains under investigation. This is a developing story and information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/firefighters-battling-2nd-alarm-vegetation-fire-in-helendale/>

San Bernardino County Fire Discusses Service Zone Expansion

Staff Writer, Mountain Reporter

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Fire officials gathered with members of the community at Rim High School to discuss the FP-5 Service Zone Expansion.

The service zone expansion increases the number of properties and the subsequent taxes being paid to increase the annual revenue for **County Fire**.

It also abolishes all of the different tax rates for the different communities and makes it one level rate across all affected areas. In most cases it's not even a ten dollar a month increase to ensure our fire departments have what they need to continue servicing our mountain.

For more information visit the webpage that explains everything.

<http://www.sbcfire.org/ServiceZoneFP-5.aspx>

<http://mountainreporter.com/2018/08/14/san-bernardino-county-fire-discusses-service-zone-expansion/>