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Crews Assist National Park Service on 1,000 acre “Ivanpah Fire”

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 23, 2020
Location: Mojave National Preserve
Incident: Vegetation Fire

Summary: On 6/23/2020 San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to assist the National Park Service (NPS) on a vegetation fire in the Lanfair Valley area of the Mojave National Preserve.

ME32, WT32 & Battalion 138 assisted the NPS & Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with structure defense of historic ranches & dip-site operations for helicopters. Some of the ranches date back to the 1800s and hold rich history. The closest water source was approximately one hour from the fire, making continuous water supply a challenge. Crews continued to keep the dip site full to allow helicopters to make drops quickly to slow the fires progress.

#SBCoFD remained on-scene for multiple hours until fire activity decreased, and the structure threat was mitigated. The fire burned approximately 1,000 acres of preserve land. Crews from NPS & BLM stayed on scene for multiple days working on mop-up operations and containment. The preserve spans more than 1.5 million acres in San Bernardino County & hosts Joshua Tree forests, sprawling view and historical sites.

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