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San Bernardino County firefighters battled the Little Mountain Fire near the Shandin Hills area of San Bernardino, in early December. The brush fire threatened residences around Little Mountain Drive and Blair Park. (John Valenzuela/The Sun/SCNG)

The Little Mountain fire, which threatened homes and shut down the 215 Freeway in San Bernardino earlier this month, was caused by an escaped cooking fire in a homeless encampment, according to the San Bernardino city manager.

City Manager Andrea M. Miller emailed an update to the San Bernardino mayor and members of the City Council on Monday in response to a councilman's inquiry about the fire's cause and the status of the two people who were injured when it broke out the afternoon of Dec. 5.

One victim, a man, suffered second- and third-degree burns to 17 percent of the upper half of his body and the other, a woman, suffered second- and third-degree burns to 25 percent of her body, Miller wrote in the email, which was provided to this new organization.

The victims are in a hospital burn ward "and are expected to be there for some time," she wrote. They have not been identified by name and the update didn't say how exactly they came to be burned.

Miller's email noted that the city "proactively" had checked this particular area because of the homeless communities, and between April and November, "we cleaned up 60 encampments in the vicinity of the fire," the most recent cleanup happening Nov. 29.

The fire, driven by strong winds that blew embers around the city's Little Mountain neighborhood, charred 260 acres but only caused minor damage to a few garages. It was extinguished by the next evening.

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