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Duncan Fire Burns 140 Acres in Fontana

Date/Time: December 28, 2020, 1:50 p.m.
Location: Sierra / Interstate 15, City of Fontana
Incident: Vegetation Fire

Summary: On Wednesday, December 23 at 1:50PM, San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported vegetation fire in the area of Interstate 15 & Sierra Ave, Fontana. Due to the threat to both San Bernardino National Forest Land & Cal-Fire jurisdictions, both agencies also sent a full response, including aircraft. ME79 arrived in 6 minutes to find ½ acre with a rapid rate of spread moving South.

Dry fuels and windy conditions quickly pushed the fire South at a rapid rate of spread. The “Duncan Fire” was quickly moving towards homes in the area of Casa Grande Ave and Sierra Ave. Many of these homes are under construction and were going to be impacted by the quickly moving fire. An additional 15 Engines were immediately ordered to assist with structure defense and perimeter control. By 3:30pm the fire had grown to more than 100 acres. Aircraft and ground crews were successful in keeping the fire West of Sierra Ave and North of Casa Grande Ave. No homes were damaged or destroyed by the fire.

By 4pm the forward rate of spread had been stopped at 140 acres. Crews continued to work on construction and mop-up operations into the evening. Multiple fire investigators were on-scene to work on cause of the fire. At the height of the fire more than 30 Engines and 150 personnel were on-scene.

Crews worked through the evening and into the next day on mop-up and containment lines. By the next day the fire was 100% contained, with an updated acreage of 140.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 9 Engines, 4 Chief Officers, 3 Water Tenders, 2 Hand Crews, a Dozer, a Command Post, 2 Fire Investigators, a Safety Officer and a Fire Mechanic. USFS San Bernardino National Forest and CAL-FIRE sent full responses including aircraft, engines, hand crews and overhead personnel. The initial large cooperative response was instrumental in limiting the fire spread and keeping the fire from nearby homes. Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Ontario, Colton, San Manuel, and Chino Valley Fire also assisted. Thanks to our cooperators for their assistance.

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