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San Bernardino Crews Battle 2-Alarm Vegetation Fire

Date/Time: September 4, 2019 7:17 PM

Location: Little Mountain area of San Bernardino

Incident: Vegetation Fire

Summary: At 7:17PM San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported vegetation fire in the area of 36th & G Street in the City of San Bernardino. Battalion 148 arrived on scene within 6 minutes to find approximately 4 acres of light, flashy fuels on fire at the base of "Little Mountain." Due to the dry grass, slope & low humidity the fire quickly spread up nearby Little Mountain. With the fire rapidly extending upwards towards homes, a 2nd Alarm was quickly struck to bring more resources to battle the fire & to provide for structure defense for nearby homes on Ridgeline Drive.

Crews provided structure defense, keeping the fire away from adjacent homes on Ridgeline Drive & also engaged the fire from the bottom to work on perimeter control. The forward rate of spread was stopped in approximately 35 minutes, with a total acreage of approximately 15 acres. Due to the quick actions by initial crews and residents providing a defensible space, no homes were damaged or destroyed by the quick moving fire. Damage was limited to rear fences, trees and ornamental vegetation. Crews continued to work on mop-up and permitted control throughout the evening. #SBCOFD Office of the Fire Marshall Fire Investigators responded and are investigating the cause/origin of the fire. No reports of injuries to firefighters or civilians were reported.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with (10) Medic Engines, (1) Brush Engine, (1) Dozer, (1) Type 2 Initial Attack Hand Crew, (1) Water tender, (2) Fire Investigators and (3) Battalion Chiefs. San Manuel Fire assisted with (1) Brush Engine, Colton with (1) Brush Engine & Rialto FD with (1) Medic Engine. Thanks to our cooperator agencies for their response and assistance. While San Bernardino area #SBCoFD crews were engaged in the firefight, other #SBCoFD crews were moved into vacant stations to ensure there was consistent Fire & EMS coverage for San Bernardino.

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