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Fire Burns 6 Acres on Perris Hill

Date/Time: July 9, 2020, 3:50 pm
Location: 6500 Monte Vista Dr, San Bernardino
Incident: Vegetation Fire

Summary: On Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 3:50PM, SBCoFD crews were dispatched to a reported vegetation near the 6500 Block of Monte Vista Dr in San Bernardino. Multiple 911 callers stated the fire was rapidly spreading up Perris Hill.

ME226 arrived in the area within two minutes to find two acres of light flashy fuel rapidly spreading towards nearby homes on Perris Hill. Responding crews quickly deployed on structure protection and perimeter control to defend homes. Within minutes the fire had reached homes, with crews deploying hose lines to keep the fire from extending to structures. San Bernardino County Sheriff Aviation assisted with a water dropping helicopter. To minimize travel time responding crews utilized a pre-designated water dip site and utilized a portable tank to supply water.

One home received minor damage due to combustible material igniting on the roof but was quickly extinguished. Another property received damage to fence. Despite extremely dry conditions and high heat the forward rate of spread was stopped at 6 acres. Crews remained on-scene for three hours working on mop-up and containment line construction.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 4 Engines, 3 Brush Engines, 2 Hand Crews, 2 Chief Officers, a Water Tender and 2 Fire Investigators. San Bernardino County Sheriff assisted with a water dropping helicopter. Redlands FD and San Manuel FD each assisted with an engine. The fire is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators. Fireworks were reported in the area prior to the fires start.

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