



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **WINDS FAN FONTANA BRUSH FIRE**

**Date/Time:** Friday, October 26, 2012 12:18 P.M.  
**Location:** Sierra Ave and Riverside Ave, Fontana, CA  
**Incident:** Multiple alarm wind driven vegetation fire

**Summary:** Shortly after 12:00pm, the San Bernardino County Fire Department received multiple reports of a vegetation fire burning south of the I-15 west of Sierra Avenue in the city of Fontana, CA.

First units on scene reported a wind driven fire burning in light fuels spreading rapidly to the south. One structure was initially threatened, however aggressive tactics saved the property and the fire continued southward.

Presently, the fire is holding at 342 acres. The updated acreage is due to more accurate aerial mapping by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Aviation Division. 200 personnel from San Bernardino County Fire, CalFire, USFS, and surrounding agencies are assigned to the incident. Additional resources on scene include San Bernardino County Fire CREW40, an initial attack handcrew, and DOZER1 as well as DOZER2 from County Fire.

No evacuations are in place. No structures are currently threatened. Two vehicles have been lost to fire damage. No injuries have been reported.

The cause remains under investigation with investigators from the San Bernardino County Office of the Fire Marshall on scene.

Fontana is currently under a High Wind and Red Flag Warning with Santa Ana winds sustained at 25mph gusting to 40mph. These conditions allow small fires to quickly grow to immense size as wind pushes heat and flames down into unburned areas rather than dissipating the energy up into the sky.

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