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Fire Burns 42 Acres Near Colorado River

Date/Time: September 11, 2020
Location: Area adjacent to the Avi Casino, Nevada / California Border Line
Incident: Vegetation Fire

Summary: On September 11th ME32 was dispatched a reported unknown fire adjacent to the Avi Casino, near the Nevada & California line along the Colorado River. ME32 arrived with Nevada and Arizona resources finding a vegetation fire that had crossed from Nevada into California. The fire had burned approximately 20 acres of heavy vegetation into San Bernardino County.

Additional San Bernardino County Fire (SBCoFD) were dispatched from throughout the District to assist with perimeter control and mop-up. Dry conditions and thick vegetation fueled the fire's growth. Hampered by limited access, deep sand and thick vegetation, crews stopped the spread of the fire in approximately four hours. Crews worked all night and into the day working on containment lines, plumbing hose lines and mopping up to ensure the fire didn't spread. Higher temperatures and expected winds made it a priority for crews to get it the fire under control. After 16 hours and 8,000+ ft of hose the fire was declared contained.

SBCoFD responded with 6 Engines, a Brush Patrol, a Water Tender and 2 Battalion Chiefs. The fire started in Nevada from fireworks. Multiple agencies from Nevada and Arizona also assisted on the fire.

It's not uncommon for the area to get apparatus from the tri-state area.

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