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### **Two Fires Break Out in Fontana**

**Date/Time:** April 19, 2013 / 09:32 a.m and 11:24a.m.  
**Location:** Locust x 10<sup>th</sup> and 7500 Block of Citrus Ave. Fontana, CA  
**Incident:** Grass Fires

**FONTANA -** San Bernardino County Fire Department firefighters were kept busy on Friday morning by two separate grass fires that occurred within 2 hours of each other.

In the first incident near Locust and 10<sup>th</sup> streets, crews arrived to find a 1 acre fire burning at the base of the Jurupa Hills. Firefighters began a 'progressive hoselay', a technique of adding additional hose lines as needed to catch a moving fire, at the bottom of the hill and were able to contain the fire within 20 minutes. One home was briefly threatened but was spared any damage by quick action of county firefighters.

The fire was contained at 3 acres, and the cause is still under investigation. Seventeen county firefighters were assisted by one brush engine company from the Colton FD.

While crews were still mopping up that incident, a second fire broke out in the 7500 block of Citrus Avenue. A homeowner using a lawnmower to cut down grass on his property touched off the fire, and it quickly spread to nearby fences and sheds. County fire crews were able to control the fire before it could damage any homes. It was contained within 15 minutes at ½ acre.

Seventeen firefighters from the county fire department were assisted by one engine company from the Rancho Cucamonga FD.

As a notice to all homeowners, fire season has started early, and the fires already popping up are burning with an intensity not normally seen at this time of year. Remember to clear the brush from around your homes, as this will aid firefighters in protecting structures. For more information on recommended brush clearance, please visit the San Bernardino County Fire Department website at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

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