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Hillside Blaze Threatens Homes

Date/Time: **March 14, 2012, 5:09 p.m.**
Location: **7900 block of Bannock Trail, Yucca Valley**
Incident: **Vegetation Fire**

Summary: Firefighters responded to a 3rd alarm vegetation fire early Wednesday evening on a hillside west of Bannock Trail and south of Acoma Trail in Yucca Valley. The fire broke out at the top of the ridge. Gusts upwards to 20 MPH pushed the flames downward toward nearby homes. Firefighters quickly surrounded the five homes that were in immediate danger, providing structure protection.

The wind driven fire quickly burned 21 acres of the rocky hillside. By that evening, firefighters had gained the upper hand on the blaze. Over 100 firefighters from various fire agencies throughout San Bernardino County responded and had the fire fully contained by 5:30 a.m. this morning. Due to the high winds expected this afternoon, firefighters will remain on scene throughout the day and evening reinforcing the containment line and ensuring the fire does not flare back to life.

No homes or structures were damaged and there were no evacuations or injuries.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators. Juveniles were seen running from the area immediately following the fire's outbreak. Anyone with more information as to the cause of the fire is asked to call the San Bernardino County Fire Department at 909-356-3805 or We-Tip at 800-47-ARSON.

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