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Firefighters are battling a large brush fire currently burning in the Jurupa Valley area.

Dubbed the Oak Fire by **San Bernardino County Fire** Department crews, the blaze broke out at around 2:00 p.m. and has currently burnt 35 acres near Sierra Avenue and Jurupa Avenue.

Both ground units and air working crews are working on controlling the perimeter of the fire as it burns nearby neighborhoods.

There is currently 40% containment as the flames burn rapidly through light fuel, firefighters said.

At around 4:30 p.m., firefighters issued evacuation orders and warnings, all of which have since been lifted as they continue to gain the upper hand on the blaze.

A care and reception center has been set up for impacted residents at the Louis Robidoux Library located on 5840 Mission Boulevard in Jurupa Valley. People can also take small and large animals can be taken to the West Riverside Animal Shelter on 6851 Van Buren Boulevard.

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Fire burns vacant church in San Bernardino

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A fire burns a vacant church in San Bernardino on July 18. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

A fire burned a vacant church in San Bernardino on July 18, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

At 7:46 a.m., crews were dispatched to the area of South Waterman Avenue and East Norman Road and found heavy smoke and fire conditions at the church.

Due to the degree of involvement, arriving firefighters initiated a defensive fire attack, said Battalion Chief Mike McClintock.

Down and energized power lines were also found near the fire, causing a hazard for firefighters. Southern California Edison was requested to mitigate the hazard.

Crews utilized master stream devices and hand lines to suppress the fire and protect nearby exposures. Within 30 minutes of arrival, the fire was knocked down.

An excavator was requested to assist with overhaul of the heavily damaged structure. The church was not currently being used and was vacant at the time of the fire.

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