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Historic Los Rios Rancho Apple Farm Ravaged By Fire
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The four-alarm fire at Los Rios Rancho located in the 39600 block of Oak Glen Road was reported at approximately 2:15 a.m. Friday. (Mara Abbott/Patch)

OAK GLEN, CA — An historic apple farm in Oak Glen caught fire early Friday morning, and multiple buildings on the property were damaged or destroyed in the blaze, fire officials reported.

The four-alarm fire at Los Rios Rancho located in the 39600 block of Oak Glen Road was reported at approximately 2:15 a.m., according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

A statement of the farm's Facebook page said the Los Rios store barn, kitchen, historic packing barn and other adjacent buildings were lost in the blaze.

"We don't yet have the words to describe this devastating loss. Fifteen years of family memories and over 100 years of history," the statement read. "Please keep our family and staff in your prayers as we pick up the pieces and try to rebuild this beloved part of our lives."

According to statement, the blaze was not attributed to the El Dorado Fire, although fire officials have yet to release a cause.

Established in 1906, Los Rios Rancho has been an annual fall destination for many locals and visitors alike. A Riley family enterprise, the farm was in the middle of ramping up activities, including harvest season. Read more about the farm's iconic history here.

There were no immediate reports of injury due to the fire.

A person was hospitalized after being burned in a gasoline tanker fire in Bloomington on Oct. 1, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

At 4:34 p.m., crews were dispatched to a reported truck fire in the area of Cedar Avenue and Jurupa Avenue. Multiple 911 callers stated a fuel tanker truck was well involved. The fire was upgraded to a commercial structure response, said Battalion Chief Mike McClintock.

ME76 arrived in four minutes to find a large fuel tanker well involved with an immediate exposure to multiple structures and a running fuel fire. Due to the significant fire and exposures, a second alarm was immediately requested.

The fuel tanker, capable of carrying more than 2,000 gallons, was actively leaking product as well.

Arriving crews worked on fire attack, exposure protection and stopping the fast moving running fuel fire. The running fuel fire was quickly running south and causing additional fire on properties.

A burn victim was also found, an AMR ambulance was requested and the victim was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment.

The fire was ultimately knocked down in about 20 minutes.

While crews knocked down the fire, a Hazardous Material Team arrived and developed a plan for run-off mitigation and assisted crews with damming and diking run-off to limit the flow.

Cedar Avenue was closed from Jurupa to the Riverside County line so crews could facilitate clean-up.

Due to an aggressive fire attack, crews were able to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent structures, limiting to the tanker truck and adjacent vegetation.

Hazardous Materials Teams remained on scene and facilitated clean up of the product and contaminated soil. The cause of the fire is under investigation by SBCoFD Investigators.
SBCoFD responded with seven engines, two trucks, two squads, three chief officers, four Hazardous Material Units, a Foam Unit and a fire investigator.

Motorcycle rider airlifted from crash on Amargosa Road in Hesperia
Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group
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The rider was located in the shoulder between Amargosa Road and the 15 freeway. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, VVNG.COM)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) – A motorcycle rider suffered critical injuries and was airlifted as a result of a crash that occurred Sunday afternoon in Hesperia.

On October 4, 2020, at 1:51 p.m, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Deputies and fire personal were dispatched the crash on Amargosa Road about a half-mile from Key Pointe Drive.

Upon arrival, deputies located the male motorcycle rider along the east shoulder of Amargosa Road that abuts the freeway.

A witness named Sara O. told VVNG that the rider was traveling at a high rate of speed when it passed her up as she was driving northbound on Amargosa Road.

“There were two motorcycles that were riding next to each other, and that’s when one bike sped past my car and crashed into the white SUV. He came so close to my car as he passed me up at high speeds that it scared me,” stated Sara.

Preliminary reports indicated that the rider lost control around the curve and traveled into the dirt shoulder, causing him to be ejected.

After the man was ejected, the bike continued traveling on northbound Amargosa Road and collided with the side of a white SUV that was southbound on Amargosa Road.

“I was behind the white SUV when I noticed a motorcycle coming our way with no rider on it, I thought it fell off a truck or something,” stated another witness who did not provide her name.

“When we realized it was a crash, we were looking for the rider everywhere because his bike was so far away from where he landed,” stated the witness.

San Bernardino County Fire requested an airship to land near Baker’s Drive-Thru on Key Pointe Drive. The man was taken to a trauma center with life-threatening injuries.

The friend of the rider pulled over and provided details of the incident to Sheriff’s officials.
The male driver of the white SUV was not injured, and no further details were immediately available.

Fontana house is heavily damaged by fire on Oct. 4
Staff Writer, Fontana Herald News
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A Fontana house was heavily damaged by a fire on the night of Oct. 4, according to the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

There were no reports of injuries.

The fire erupted at a single story single family structure in the 16000 block of Slover Avenue in the southwestern area of the city, the Fire Department said on Twitter.

Later, the Fire Department provided an update on Twitter, saying: "Slover IC reporting fire knocked down, primary search clear. Crews transitioning overhaul."

No additional information was immediately available.

Watch CA Firefighters Tackle Raging Pallet Yard Blaze
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Active power lines and an insufficient water supply complicated a raging pallet yard fire for California firefighters recently.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department released video footage of the large blaze. When crews arrived at the scene, they found flames spreading through the lot and threatening several storage containers and vehicles.

Although power lines and a low water supply created challenges, firefighters were able to use aerial master streams to get in control of the blaze.