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➢ Perris Hill fire
➢ Congress continues to grant money to help communities cope
Firefighters position themselves between the Perris Hill fire and several Hillside Drive homes on Thursday afternoon, July 9. Hector Hernandez, Jr.

At 3:49 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, about a dozen firefighter crews responded to a brush fire at Perris Hill Park threatening homes in San Bernardino.

The fire is believed to have started near Hill View and N. Fairfax drives and burned its way up the hill with homes to the north and south of the fire.

Hand and hose crews positioned themselves between the fire and the homes and fought the flames with the assistance of water drops from a sheriff’s helicopter.

At about 5 p.m. San Bernardino County Fire reported through social media that the forward rate of spread was stopped at 6 acres.


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U.S. Rep. Pete Aguilar has announced several allocations of federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic, including:

• More than $53 million for Omnitrans, the San Bernardino region’s primary public transit agency. The funding, made possible by the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act, comes from the Federal Transit Administration and is intended to offset costs incurred due to the coronavirus crisis. Erin Rogers, Omnitrans interim CEO/general manager, expressed her appreciation.

• He also announced $697,072 for the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District from the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant- COVID-19 Supplemental Program. The funding will allow the San Bernardino County Fire department to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), including respiratory protection, face masks, eye protection and protective coveralls. The equipment will allow firefighters and first responders to continue their work safely during the coronavirus crisis.

• Another $3,802,601 in federal funding for the County of San Bernardino Preschool Services Department, in addition to the $53 million he announced for Head Start earlier.