



News Release

For Immediate Release:

Name: Jennifer Schulz, Community Education Coordinator
Newport Beach Fire Department

Phone: (949) 644-3110
Cell Number: (949) 795-2893

Vegetation Fire in Newport Beach

Monday, October 13, 2008 at 8:00pm

At 3:21pm, on Monday, October 13, a vegetation fire reported in Bonita Canyon area. The area is a canyon wildland area with neighborhoods surrounding it on both sides. A reservoir is at the bottom of the canyon. The fire was contained at 5:15 pm, however firefighters will continue to put out spot fires in the area overnight to ensure the fire does not spread or re-ignite.

Firefighters aggressively fought this fire and were able to put the fire out quickly with numerous resources.

Fire Size: Has burned 35 acres. Originally it was estimated as larger but only 35 acres burned.

Evacuations: No evacuations at this time. During the incident approximately 300 people were evacuated. But all were allowed back in by approximately 6 pm.

Fire Damage to Structures:

2 Homes suffered minor damage but No homes destroyed at this time.

Injuries:

There were no injuries or deaths reported during this incident.

Units responding

50 Engines from throughout Orange County

3 Helicopters

Numerous Police units from Newport Beach Police, CHP, Costa Mesa PD, and Irvine

Firefighters will work over night clearing the brush area and ensuring no hotspots reignite.

Cause: Unknown at this time and will be updated as more info is known.

#####

City Hall • 3300 Newport Blvd. • P.O. Box 1768 • Newport Beach, California 92658-8915