



# News Release

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*For Immediate Release:*

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## Vegetation Fire in Newport Beach

**Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.**

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.

Five units worked overnight putting out hotspots and preventing the fire from reigniting. Firefighters will also be posted throughout the day surrounding the canyon to monitor for any other incidents.

**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. No homes destroyed.

**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

**Cause:** Unknown at this time. Firefighters will be investigating the incident throughout the day and more information will follow, as it is known.

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