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Firefighters Quickly Knockdown Yucca Valley Vegetation Fire, saving Multiple Structures

Date/Time: **06/12/23, 5:33PM**
Location: **7400 block of Borrego Trail, Yucca Valley**
Incident: **Vegetation Fire**

Summary:

Yesterday while firefighters from Station 41 in Yucca Valley were responding to a public service call they observed a large smoke column in west Yucca Valley. ME41 diverted to the fire & a replacement unit responded to the service call.

ME41 arrived on-scene to find 1/4 acre of vegetation on fire, threatening multiple structures and properties. The call was quickly balanced to a vegetation fire, bringing additional apparatus and personnel. Arriving firefighters initiate San aggressive attack, working to stop the spread & protect multiple properties from the fire.

Within 15 minutes of arrival the forward progression was stopped at 1/2 acre & all structure threat was mitigated. Spotting the fire and an immediate response helped keep the fire from damaging multiple homes and structures.

SBCoFD responded with three Engines, a Battalion Chief and a Fire Investigator. CalFire assisted with E3554.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE
Keep your property lean and green to help protect your family and home. Defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home.

Looking for more information on defensible space or home hardening?

Visit: https://www.readyforwildfire.org/.../defensible-space/