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San Bernardino County firefighters watch as the Kendal fire burns down to Pinnacle Lane in San Bernardino on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Homes on Pinnacle Lane were briefly threatened during the approximately 13 acre fire. Cause of the fire is under investigation. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Firefighters stopped the spread of a rapidly moving brush fire near Cal State San Bernardino on Wednesday, July 12, before it could burn any homes.

The Kendall fire was burning near Kendall Drive and University Avenue and had consumed about 7 acres as of 2:40 p.m., the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said. Firefighters halted its progress by about 3:15 p.m.

One firefighter suffered a minor injury.

The cause of the fire was not immediately announced.

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Firefighters rescue baby raccoons that were trapped in chimney; mother raccoon is less cooperative

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A firefighter holds one of the baby raccoons that had been trapped in a chimney. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

Firefighters rescued baby raccoons that were trapped in a chimney at a residence in Upland, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

On the morning of July 6, firefighters from Upland Fire Station 161 responded to a call regarding an animal or animals trapped inside a chimney of a residence in the 1300 block of North Shelly Avenue.

Upon arrival, firefighters were met by the reporting party and assessed the situation. Firefighters then successfully gained access to the rooftop and confirmed the presence of a raccoon mother, who had given birth to a litter of four baby raccoons inside the chimney.

Firefighters requested support from the City of Upland Animal Control to devise a plan focused on the safe extraction of the raccoons from the confined space, ensuring their wellbeing throughout the process.

Following two hours of careful efforts from both firefighters and Animal Control officers, all baby raccoons were safely removed from the chimney of the home and moved to a wildlife rescue facility operating as a sub-permittee of 2nd Chance Critters for medical evaluation.

The mother raccoon proved to be less cooperative. As a result, a plan was developed to encourage the mother to exit the chimney voluntarily, aiming to reunite her with her babies in the evening. Team members believed that the mother raccoon possessed the capability to navigate the chimney unassisted and without any intervention.

However, after several attempts by the wildlife rescue team to reunite the mother with her babies later in the evening and again a few nights later, the mother raccoon could not be located, and reunification efforts were unsuccessful. The babies were transferred to a facility that will care for them until they are old enough to survive on their own before being released in the hills near the location of the incident.

“The combined efforts of the San Bernardino County firefighters and the City of Upland Animal Control exemplify the importance of collaboration, compassion, and swift action in safeguarding both human and animal lives. Their expertise, dedication, and commitment to animal welfare played a pivotal role in ensuring the safe removal and subsequent care of the trapped raccoons,” said Public Information Officer Tracey Martinez in a news release.

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Tuesday night fire in Hesperia possibly caused by fireworks

By Staff Writer, Victor Valley News Group

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HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A Tuesday night vegetation fire in Hesperia was possibly started by fireworks.

It happened at about 8:12 pm, on July 11, 2023, in the area of Topaz Avenue and Farmington Street.

San Bernardino County Fire responded to the incident and reported approximately half an acre burning in medium to light fuels with no immediate structure threat.

Firefighters quickly placed a line around the fire and were able to knock it down. Additionally, crews responding to assist were canceled.

Fire investigators are attempting to confirm if the fire was started by fireworks as reported by the witness.

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