INCIDENT INFORMATION

Incident Name: Cats IC
Incident Start Date: 08/14/2020
Incident Start Time: 4:46 p.m.
Incident Type: Vehicle and Vegetation Fire
Cause: Under Investigation
Incident Location: Highway 17 south of The Cats

Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE

Size: 0.5 acres
Containment: 5:40 p.m.
Controlled: N/A

Civilian Injuries/Fatalities: 0
Firefighter Injuries/Fatalities: 1 injury
Structures Threatened: 0
Structures Destroyed/Damaged: 0

ASSIGNED RESOURCES

Engines: 15
Trucks: 0
Rescues: 2
Chief Officers: 3

Other: 5
Support Units: 1
Total Personnel: 80

Cooperating Agencies: California Highway Patrol, Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office, Santa Clara County EMS, CALSTAR Air Ambulance, Fire Associates of Santa Clara Valley

INCIDENT SUMMARY

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At approximately 4:46 p.m., Santa Clara County Fire Department and Cal Fire were dispatched to reports of a vehicle fire spreading to the vegetation along southbound Highway 17, south of The Cats.

On arrival, crews found a fully involved vehicle fire and approximately 0.25 acres of vegetation burning adjacent to the roadway. Firefighters worked aggressively to stop forward progress of the fire and mitigate the threat to homes within approximately one hour.

The fire burned approximately 0.5 acres in heavy brush; There were no injuries to residents and no structures were damaged. One firefighter suffered a heat-related injury and was transported to an area hospital.

The cause of the vehicle fire is under investigation but is not considered suspicious. Crews will remain on scene for full extinguishment.

This incident is the second in recent months that illustrates the value of fuel reduction efforts in our communities. The Highway 17 Shaded Fuel Break aided firefighters in stopping this fire before it could endanger lives and property.

Road Closures: Highway 17 southbound closures remain in effect

Approved by: B83-A MK