

Rancho Santa Fe



Fire Protection District

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SMALL VEGETATION SERVES AS REMINDER

On Sunday, May 11, 2008, at 5:15 a.m., firefighters responded to the report of a wildland fire in the riverbed near El Apajo and Via de Santa Fe in Rancho Santa Fe. When they arrived on scene, firefighters could see brush burning off the road in the riverbed. Although access was difficult due to the terrain and there were large flames visible, the fire did not spread rapidly and firefighters were able to limit it to 1/3 of an acre.

“While this fire was small and did relatively little damage, it could have been worse,” said Fire Chief Nick Pavone. “This incident serves as a great reminder for us as we head into the hot summer months that everyone needs to exercise caution and do their part to help keep fires from ever getting started.”

Approximately 13 firefighters from Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, and San Diego, along with CalFire crews, responded to the incident. Battalion Chief Fred Cox served as the incident commander. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is “To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response.” Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 26,500 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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