



241 Fire at Windy Ridge Update

Monday, March 19, 2007 2:00 PM

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TIME OF ALARM: 7:53 AM, Sunday, March 11, 2007

OCFA INCIDENT#: 07061557

INCIDENT NAME: 241 Fire at Windy Ridge

LOCATION: The fire began at the Windy Ridge toll plaza on the 241 toll road. The fire moved quickly west toward Canyon Rim Road and Serrano Road in Anaheim Hills and Orange, driven by strong winds.

CONDITIONS ON ARRIVAL: Vegetation fire associated with a car fire on the Southbound 241 toll road.

COMMAND: Unified command - Orange County Fire Authority, [Anaheim City Fire](#), and [Orange City Fire](#)

ASSISTING and COOPERATING AGENCIES:

- Anaheim Police Department
- California Department of Corrections
- California Department of Forestry
- California Office of Emergency Services
- Gas Company
- Irvine Ranch Water District
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Los Angeles City Fire Department
- Los Angeles County Operational Area-C (Mixed City Fire Departments)
- Los Angeles County Operational Area-G (Mixed City Fire Departments)
- Orange County Animal Care
- Orange County Harbors Beaches and Parks--Irvine Regional Park
- Orange County Operational Area (Mixed City Fire Departments)

- Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Orange Police Department
- Redding City Fire Department
- Santa Cruz City Fire Department
- United States Forest Service

FIREFIGHTING ASSETS DURING PEAK FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS:

- 4 Air Tankers
- 8 Helicopters
- 115 Fire Engines (23 strike teams)
- 9 Dozers
- 22 handcrews

ACRES BURNED: 2,036 acres.

STRUCTURES BURNED: Three structures received fire damage - two out-structures were destroyed and one home received moderate roof damage.

REPORTED INJURIES: Two firefighters received minor injuries and one received moderate injuries. No civilian injuries were reported.

ROAD CLOSURES: For road closure information, check with [CalTRANS](#) or the [City of Orange](#).

EVACUATIONS:

Peak: 1,200 homes evacuated in Anaheim Hills and Orange

Current: All evacuations were lifted per the [Orange Police](#) and [Anaheim Police](#) on March 12, 2007.

PRELIMINARY CAUSE OF FIRE: Incendiary to a vehicle around the Windy Ridge toll plaza and the vehicle was stolen. **Anyone with information should call their local police department, fire department, or the OCFA arson tip line at (800) 540-8282.**

CURRENT CONDITION: This incident is now closed. The fire was fully contained by 12:00 noon on March 13, 2007 and fully controlled on March 14, 2007 at 6:00 PM. Full control means that there is no longer a threat of the fire jumping over the containment lines.

REPAIR EFFORTS: OCFA and CDF crews completed fire suppression repair efforts toward the end of the week of March 11, 2007 to help prevent erosion in areas where firefighters had removed vegetation while fighting the fire. Fire suppression repair was supervised by OCFA's Wildland Fire Defense Planner in coordination with The Nature Conservancy. These repairs included the installation of water diversion bars and the restoration of

some environmental habitats and natural aesthetics of the area, wherever possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION: Landowners within the fire area include The Irvine Company, Santiago Oaks Regional Park, Irvine Regional Park, Weir Canyon Regional Park, Southern California Edison, The Transportation Corridor Agency, various Homeowner's Associations and private landowners. At this point, each landowner will assume responsibility for any additional environmental rehabilitation upon their own lands.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Orange County Operational Area Public Information Hotline - (714) 628-7085
- [241 Fire at Windy Ridge Map](#)
- [Orange County Register](#)
- [Foxs News](#)
- [OC Dept. of Education Emergency Preparedness Information](#)
- News Radio for future incidents:
 - AM 980 - KFVB
 - AM 1070 - KNX
 - AM 640 - KFI
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RESIDENTS:

- [Wildland Fires: Got Clearance](#)
- [Wildfire Preparedness](#)
- [Smoke in the Air](#)
- [Other Safety Bulletins](#)

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