

NEWS RELEASE



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241 Fire at Windy Ridge

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) reports that the 241 Fire at Windy Ridge, which started on March 11 at 7:53 a.m. and has burned 2,036 acres, is now 80 percent contained with a full containment scheduled for March 13. The fire is being fought under a unified command between the OCFA, the Orange City Fire Department and the Anaheim Fire Department.

A total of 115 engines and more than 800 firefighters have responded to fight the fire along with helicopters, air tankers and dozers. Two out buildings were destroyed in the fire and two homes in Anaheim Hills received moderate roof damage.

Approximately 1,200 residents were evacuated on March 11, and most have returned to their homes with the exception of a section of the Serrano-Hidden Canyon area. The Anaheim Police Department has additional information on evacuation status.

The cause of the fire has been listed as, "incendiary to a vehicle and the vehicle was stolen," and the investigation is on-going.

For more information on the fire, visit the OCFA's website at www.ocfa.org. (emergency information). All media inquiries should be directed to Captain Stephen J. Miller at (714) 357-7782. Command Center for the fire is located at Irvine Regional Park, 1 Irvine Park Road, Orange.

The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves as the all-risk emergency response agency for 1.3 million Orange County residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.