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San Diego Fire-Rescue Personnel Deployed to Blue Cut Fire

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE HAS BURNED 30,000 ACRES

San Diego – The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department has sent thirty (30) firefighters to help with the Blue Cut Fire in San Bernardino County. That fire has now consumed 30,000 acres in the Cajon Pass.

Overnight, San Diego Fire-Rescue deployed two engine companies, three brush engine companies and three battalion chiefs. In addition, one incident management team battalion chief was deployed, and six members of a San Diego incident management team moved from the Pilot Fire to the Blue Cut Fire. The Pilot Fire, also in San Bernardino County, has burned 8,110 acres and is now contained. [The incident management team handles things like logistics, supplies, planning and communications for the firefighters on the fire lines.](#)

SDFD also has one engine company at the 6,900 acre Chimney Fire in San Luis Obispo County.

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With last night’s deployments, San Diego Fire-Rescue has reached what it considers its “draw down” limit and will not commit any more resources outside the county.

“It is important that we support the firefighting needs elsewhere in the state, to the extent we can, because we will call for their help if we need it,” San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief Brian Fennessy said. “At the same time, our first priority is the people and the property of San Diego, and we will not jeopardize that commitment.”

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