



City of Yuma Fire Department
Press Release

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Subject: Brush Fire

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Just before 1 a.m. on the 15th of June, crews from the Yuma Fire Department responded to a report of a brush fire in the area of 14th Ave and 18th Place. While enroute Yuma Engine 4 spotted heavy smoke and flames scene from a distance. Upon arrival crews found a large brush fire behind nearby homes in the vicinity of 16th street and the East main canal. The fire was approximately one and a half acres in size. The fire was located on the east side of canal bank and rapidly advancing eastward, up the levee, towards 18th place. Crews utilized multiple hose lines and hand tools to stop the advance of the fire on the upper east side. After approximately one hour, YFD personnel had gained control of the fire and began addressing hot spots of smoldering debris throughout the brush. The total burned area appeared to be approximately 2 acres. The Yuma Fire Department kept crews on scene throughout the night, to ensure the fire did not rekindle. No homes or personal property damages were reported. The cause and origin of the fire are under investigation, no further information is available currently.

Homeowners should keep a clear “defensive zone” around their home if they live near heavy brush areas. Dead vegetation should be moved away from the home. Break up continuous vegetation so that fire cannot easily spread towards your home. Keep your yard and vegetation “lean and clean”, ensure plants are healthy and watered as needed. Remember that brush fires send lots of embers into the air, those embers can start secondary fires in nearby homes and yards. Be safe this summer.

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