

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



Incident Command Team #8
in Unified Command with
United States Forest Service



FACT SHEET

October 31, 2006 – 8:00 a.m.

**This is the Last Fact Sheet for the Esperanza Fire from the Incident Base
For further information about the incident contact
Riverside County Fire: (951) 940-6985**

Incident Name: ESPERANZA **Location:** Southwest of Cabazon, Riverside County

Size: 40,200 Acres

Cause: Arson

Damage: 34 Residences

20 Outbuildings

Percent Contained: 100% **Injuries:** 17

Fatalities: 4 Firefighters

Cost to Date: 9.9 million

Current Problems/Threats: Forces continue to focus efforts on the eastern perimeter.

RESOURCES ASSIGNED:

Engines: 96

Fire Crews: 54

Dozers: 7

Water Tenders: 10

Helicopters: 3

Total Personnel: 1599

Air Tankers: 2

The fire is fully contained. Mop up, patrol, and erosion control work continues. There was no change in the fire perimeter or fire activity observed overnight. Significant demobilization of excess resources continues. The incident base at Noble Creek Park will be closing today

Road Closures: CALTRANS has determined that Highway 243 is unsafe for travel due to the damage to guard rails. Highway 243 is now closed from Wesley Street to Twin Pines Road. This section of 243 will be closed for an unknown duration until repairs can be made. Residents can access the area from Highway 74 in Hemet to Highway 243. Any further information on the road closure will be provided by CALTRANS. They can be contacted at 1-800-427-7623.

Evacuations: The evacuation order has been lifted for all areas.

Additional Information:

Citizens wishing to donate to the families of the fallen firefighters may contact the Esperanza Firefighters Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 1645, Riverside, CA 92502. (951) 955-1010/1030/1050

An information line for “**San Bernardino Engine 57 Support**” has been established. Contact (909) 383-5501, for information about the condition of USFS Firefighter Pablo Cerda, Trust Fund information, Memorial Information and Donations.

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