



CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Incident Information Fact Sheet



Incident Name: River
Incident Location: Mission Inn Bridge X Santa Ana River

Type of Incident: Rubbish Fire
Incident Number: #18-026463
Date Reported: 09/11/2018
Time Reported: 6:03 AM

Fatalities: 0 **Critical:** 0 **Moderate:** 0 **Minor:** 1 **Non Injury:** 0
Transported Ground Ambulance(s): 1
Loss: \$0
Save: \$0
Cause: Undetermined

Control Time: 09/10/2018 0725

Evacuations: No
Evacuation Comments:

RESOURCES ASSIGNED

Fire Fighters: 26	Overhead Personnel: 4	Utilities: No
Engine Companies: 7	Ambulance(s): 2	Red Cross: No
Truck Companies: 0	Water Tenders: 1	Displaced Persons: No
Specialized Equipment:		

CURRENT SITUATION

(Recent updates are posted at the top of Current Situation)

On Monday September 10, 2018 at 7:25 a.m., The City of Riverside Fire Department dispatched a vegetation fire response to several calls received of heavy black smoke coming from the Santa Ana River Bottom X Mission Inn Bridge. Firefighters arrived to discover a homeless encampment on fire directly under the bridge with smoke and fire extending up through the bridge's expansion joints. RPD motor officer was on scene prior to arrival mitigating a traffic collision that occurred on the bridge unrelated to the fire. Due to the thick vegetation, crews utilized chain saws to cut a path to the fire in order to place a fire attack hose into operation. The fire was confirmed within the City of Riverside. A second alarm vegetation fire response was requested with a water tender. Prior to the fire starting there was an argument between an adult male and adult female. The adult male was assaulted left the location and upon his return his encampment was set ablaze. There were no witnesses to the fire starting. The adult male who was assaulted was treated by on scene paramedics and transported by AMR to a local area hospital. The adult male was interviewed by arson investigators. Arson investigators surveyed the scene and due to the amount of various ignition sources (BBQ's, gas ovens, etc.) were unable to determine the cause of the fire. Due to no witnesses the fire cause is undetermined. A total of 26 firefighters and 4 overhead personnel responded to the incident. Riverside County CAL-Fire responded an engine company along with two chief officers to inspect their side of the river. One firefighter experienced mild symptoms after breathing in the smoke, was assessed at a local area hospital and released back to full duty.

the same day. City of Riverside Public Works coordinated the initial inspection of the bridge and gave permission to re-open the Mission Inn Bridge. The bridge was closed to both direction of travel of approx. 90 minutes.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

AMR, CAL-Fire, CAL-TRANS, Riverside Police, Riverside Streets