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Wilson Terrace Fire Incident Update

On Friday, May 3, 2013 at 2:39 p.m., Glendale Fire and Police Departments received reports of a brush fire at the 134 and 2 freeways in the city of Glendale.

Glendale units arrived on scene and discovered a brush fire on the west side of the 2 freeway. Firefighters battled the flames, however winds carried embers across the freeway and into Glenoaks and Chevy Chase Canyon. Firefighters from Glendale, Pasadena, Burbank, the Forest Service, LA City and County Fire Departments battled the fire utilizing 35 engines, five hand crews, five helicopters and the Forest Service. Burbank, Monterey Park, Pasadena, and San Gabriel Fire Departments provided firefighters to address incidents within the City of Glendale while the Glendale Fire Department battled the fire. Two firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion. 75 acres burned, but no structures were lost or damaged.

Evacuation orders for Glenoaks and Chevy Chase Canyons were lifted at 9:00 p.m. that same evening. The Glendale Fire Department monitored the burned area throughout the weekend to address hot spots and conduct extensive overhaul of the area. Cause of the fire is still under investigation.

During the fire, GWP maintained water and electrical service to the city. Community Services and Parks managed the evacuation center at the Adult Recreation Center where 30 people waited until they could return home. The Community Development Department activated the Emergency Information Center and took phone calls from concerned residents. The Public Works Engineering section will be assessing the burned hillsides in the coming days.

The City of Glendale would like to thank the community for its cooperation during the event that allowed firefighters to protect homes and structures. To see video of the Wilson Terrace Fire shot by GTV6, go to http://youtu.be/8Z4k_GGVelU.

Although this Wilson Terrace fire is out, the Glendale Fire Department reminds residents that it is critical to conduct brush clearance on their properties. Brush clearance is a crucial defense mechanism to protect homes from complete destruction from a brush fire. The Glendale Fire Department recommends residents to create a "Defensible Space" which is 100' of space around a structure in which brush and debris have been removed.

The mission of the Glendale Fire Department is to protect life and property by providing the highest level of service to the community. For more information about the Glendale Fire Department and its ongoing recruitment, go to <http://fire.ci.glendale.ca.us>.