

# Bastrop County Fire Complex

## FACT SHEET

Friday, September 16, 2011 - 2:00 PM

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**Acres:** 34,068 Total  
**Cause:** Under investigation  
**Containment:** 80% (Bastrop Fire)  
90% (Union Chapel Fire)  
**Resources:** 4 fire crews, 66 engines, 2 helicopters, 6 water tenders, 2 dozer

**Start date of fire:** September 4, 2011  
**Location:** 6 miles northeast of Bastrop, Texas  
**Fuels:** Timber/residential area  
**Total personnel:** 573

***Bastrop State Park and Buescher State Park remain closed***

**CURRENT CONDITION OF BASTROP FIRE AREA-** Temperatures will be hovering just below 100 today. Hotspots continue to burn within the fire perimeter, smoldering continues around burned trees. Anyone in the areas that have been opened is urged to use caution when working around residences and traveling in the area. **Residents are encouraged to only call 911 to report fires that are adjacent to their homes.**

Many fire personnel went to the Bastrop High School Football Game last where they were honored at half-time.

A list of addresses that have been GPS confirmed and verified with the Bastrop County 911 system has been compiled. 188 additional homes have been added to that list for a total of 1244 of the 1554 homes known to be destroyed by the fire. As county assessment crews get into the burned areas they are verifying houses burned; *no homes have burned since September 7th.*

**ANIMAL CARCASSES:** A burn ban is in place for Bastrop County. Burning carcasses or any debris is prohibited. For more information on what to do with animal carcasses, please call the road and bridge department at 512-581-4086 for precinct 1 or 512-360-4224 for precinct 2.

**OTHER DISPOSAL NEEDS:** For disposal of perishable goods there are dumpsters located at: Bastrop Co. Transfer Station, 601 Coolwater St. LBA; Circle D Fire Station #3, FM 1331 Circle D; Precinct #2 Road Barn, intersection of Taylor and SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Smithville, TX; Heart of the Pines Fire Station, Hwy 71 East between Bastrop and Smithville.

Please use recycling whenever possible. A complete list of recycling centers is available from the Bastrop County website.

**ASSISTANCE:** 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or dial **211** for local information and statewide public services. A FEMA Disaster Recovery Center has been established at the Bastrop High School West Campus, 1602 Hill Street, Bastrop, TX. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 9:00 am-7:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00pm.

**SAFETY MESSAGE-DRIVE DEFENSIVELY-** *With the increase in fire traffic around local communities and utility personnel working along major highways, drivers are cautioned to **drive safely, drive defensively.***

For further information, go to the Bastrop County website at <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/> or call **211**. Also see <http://www.inciweb.org> for updates, maps and photos.