

Bastrop County Fire Complex
FACT SHEET
Sunday, September 18, 2011 - 12:00 PM

Acres: 34,068 Total	Start date of fire: September 4, 2011
Cause: Under investigation	Location: 6 miles northeast of Bastrop, Texas
Containment: 95% (Bastrop Fire) 90% (Union Chapel Fire)	Fuels: Timber/residential area
Resources: 3 fire crews, 60 engines, 2 helicopters, 6 water tenders, 1 dozer	Total personnel: 487

Transfer of command from the Southern Area Red Team to a Texas Type 3 Incident Management Team will occur at 3:00 pm today.

The Red Team is one of 16 National Type 1 Incident Management Teams organized throughout the United States. Type 1 teams are assigned to command the most complex of incidents that occur throughout the nation, including fires, hurricanes, earthquakes or other incidents. Red Team members come from Federal, State and Municipal agencies and departments from around the southern region and beyond. To date in 2011 the Southern Area Red Team has been assigned to command the Valley Fire Complex in Harrisonburg, VA, the PK Fire Complex in Mineral Wells, TX, the Rock House fire in Fort Davis, TX, the Honey Prairie Fire Complex in Fargo, GA, and the Bastrop County Fire Complex here in Bastrop, TX.

CURRENT CONDITION OF BASTROP FIRE AREA- Temperatures will be around 90 today with a chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms. 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.**

Bastrop State Park and Buescher State Park remain closed

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 2nd 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 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.