

Bastrop County Fire Complex

FACT SHEET

Thursday, September 15, 2011 - 2:00 PM

Acres: 34,068 Total
Cause: Under investigation
Containment: 75% (Bastrop Fire)
90% (Union Chapel Fire)
Resources: 5 fire crews, 79 engines, 2 helicopters, 7 water tenders, 1 dozer

Start date of fire: September 4, 2011
Location: 6 miles northeast of Bastrop, Texas
Fuels: Timber/residential area
Total personnel: 640

A re-entry plan is established that will allow registered residents only with placards, re-entry to the following subdivisions at 10 a.m. today:

- Tahitian Village north of Wahane Lane and east of Akaloa
- Pine Forest, Tahitian Village East, ColoVista North, McAllister Road.
- **Residents of Tahitian Village Property Owners Association that have questions can call 512-321-1688**

Placards for residents returning today are available at the entrance of Tahitian Village at the Clubhouse, and at Riverside Drive and Hwy 71, and McAllister Road and Hwy 71. They are also available at the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office. Media will be allowed into these areas at 2:00 pm today

Bastrop State Park and Buescher State Park remain closed

CURRENT CONDITION OF BASTROP FIRE AREA- Temperatures continue to be near 100 degrees again 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.**

All fire personnel are invited to the Bastrop High School Football Game tonight at 7:00 pm, where they will be 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.

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 **512-332-8814** or **512-332-8856**. Also see <http://www.inciweb.org> for updates, maps and photos.