



BASTROP COUNTY FIRE COMPLEX-----UNIFIED COMMAND NEWS RELEASE

## WORK CONTINUES ON BASTROP COUNTY FIRE COMPLEX

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*For immediate release*

Hundreds of firefighters continue patrolling, searching out and extinguishing hot spots throughout the Bastrop Fire around structures and homes in that area.

Residents returning to this area are encouraged to call 911 **only** to report fires adjacent to their homes and **not** to call 911 to report smoldering or burning material that is not threatening a residence.

Over 600 utility workers are also working in the subdivisions affected by the Bastrop Fire and have successfully restored power to about 50 percent of the area. Telephone and cable providers have restored service to a major section of the area.

1554 homes were reported destroyed by the Bastrop Fire. Of those, 1056 have been verified and confirmed with the Bastrop County 911 address system as destroyed. A list of these addresses checked and confirmed daily will continue to be posted at the Bastrop County Convention Center until all have been verified.

The Union Chapel area is open. Fire crews are patrolling and completing mop-up within the Union Chapel Fire area. The Bastrop County Fire Complex consisted of the Bastrop and Union Chapel Fires.

Although humidities were slightly higher this morning, critical fire weather (extremely dry vegetation, high temperatures and gusty winds) still exists.

The public is reminded to use caution during extreme fire danger conditions. A burn ban is in place for most of Texas including Bastrop County.

For more information call **2-1-1** or **512-332-8814** or **512-332-8856**. (*Media only 1-512-308-9724.*) Or visit: [www.co.bastrop.tx.us](http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us) or <http://texasforestservicetamu.edu> or <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/2589/>.

