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NEWS RELEASE

Fire Incident Fact Sheet
Maria Fire in Santa Paula, California

Release updated as of:	11/1/19	Release updated as of:	7:00 AM	MEDIA LINE:	(805) 377-4860
				PUBLIC HOTLINE:	(805) 465-6650

STATUS	
Incident Start Date: 10/31/19	Incident Start Time: 6:14 PM
Incident Type: Wildland Brush fire	Cause: Under Investigation
Incident Location: South Mountain, Santa Paula, CA	
Acres/Size: Approximately 8,730 acres	Containment: 0%
Expected Containment: Undetermined	Injuries: 0

Structures Threatened:	1,800	Structures Destroyed:	2	Structures Damaged:	0

OVERVIEW	
Current Situation:	At the tail end of a Santa Ana wind event, more than 500 firefighters, from the ground and air, are continuing to battle a brush fire on the upper ridge of South Mountain, North of Somis in Santa Paula. Firefighters are protecting critical infrastructure, including radio communications, high voltage electrical power lines, and local agricultural crops like avocado and citrus orchards. Firefighters are working to keep the fire within the following box: North Boundary: South Mountain Road. West Boundary: West Los Angeles Ave. East Boundary: Balcom County Road. South Boundary: Highway 118
Evacuations:	**Mandatory evacuations:** South of the 126 freeway. North of Los Angeles Ave. East of Vineyard Ave. West of Balcom Canyon Rd. (1800 structures, 7500 residents.) **Communities at risk:** The cities of Camarillo, Somis, Santa Paula, East Ventura.
Road Closures:	• South Mountain Road between 12th Street and Balcom Canyon • Berylwood Rd. at Aggen Rd. • West La Loma Rd. between Center Rd and Walnut Ave. • Price Rd. at E. Los Angeles Ave (Hwy 118) • Clubhouse Drive at E. Los Angeles Ave. (Hwy 118)
Additional Info:	Visit www.VCEMERGENCY.com for updated information, including road closures, shelters, animal evacuation centers and maps. **School Closures:** Visit www.vcoe.org for the latest.

RESOURCE				
Engines: 71	Water Tenders: 3	Helicopters: 3	Air Tankers: Unknow	Hand Crews: unk
Dozers: 2		Total Personnel: 500 Firefighters		

UNIFIED COMMAND: Ventura County Fire Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Department.
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Multiple