



PRESS RELEASE

CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL

30111 Crown Valley Parkway
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
(949) 362-4300
cityoflagunaniguel.org

August 20, 2025
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rapid and Aggressive Coordinated Response Results in Beacon Fire Suppression

Laguna Niguel, CA – On Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at approximately 3:30 pm, a vegetation fire was reported near Alcott Place and Ridgeway Avenue in the Beacon Hill neighborhood. Emergency personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriff's Department responded swiftly to what was later named the Beacon Fire. Evacuation orders were promptly issued for approximately 20 homes on Copps Hill Street, while residents on Middleton Place and Alcott Place were advised to shelter in place. The City of Laguna Niguel immediately activated its Emergency Operations Center and opened the Crown Valley Community Center to serve as a Welcome and Reception Center for any displaced residents.

Firefighters supported by extensive aerial resources launched an aggressive effort to contain the fire. Through the coordinated work of ground crews, air support, and law enforcement, the fire was successfully prevented from spreading to nearby homes. By approximately 5:10 pm., forward progress was stopped at approximately four acres. No homes were lost, and no injuries were reported. At approximately 7:00 pm, all evacuation and shelter-in-place orders were lifted, allowing residents to return home safely.

"The response from our public safety partners was extremely well coordinated and aggressive," said Mayor Ray Gennawey. "On behalf of the entire Laguna Niguel City Council, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our firefighters from the Orange County Fire Authority and our deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Their bravery and swift action were instrumental in stopping the forward progress of the fire, resulting in an outcome that assured the safety of our community. I would also like to thank the City staff who quickly mobilized to activate the City's Emergency Operations Center since the fire first broke out."

For ongoing updates and emergency preparedness resources, residents are encouraged to visit www.cityoflagunaniguel.org or contact the City at (949) 362-4300.

####