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Blue Jay Fire - August 4, 2005

Blue Jay – Fire crews from the US Forest Service, Crest Forest Fire Protection District and San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a vegetation fire today in Blue Jay on State Highway 189.

The fire was reported at 12:18pm directly behind a home on State Route 189 between Ague Friar and Blue Jay.

A San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy spotting the fire, and grabbed a nearby garden hose and sprayed water on the fire keeping it away from the home when fire crews arrived. US Forest Service Heaps Peak Helicopter dropped water just in time to stop the fire from rapidly spreading up the hill. The crew from the US Forest Service Skyforest Engine quickly contained the fire to ¼ acre by 1235pm.

Incident Commander Scott Howes noted "Our quick response averted a small fire from growing into a difficult one in the steep terrain."

IC Howes stated cause of the fire is under investigation, and crews were able to have the fire completely under control at 2:03pm.

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