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City of Visalia Fire Department

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## Grass Fire Threatens Several Homes

On Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 1133 am, the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a grass fire in the 1600 Block of N. Ben Maddox. Upon the arrival of the first fire unit, they found a grass fire burning in a vacant lot behind several homes. The fire had spread to a barn and was threatening several residential structures. The response was upgraded, bringing additional fire resources. Fire crews focused on protecting the residential structures and stopping the spread of the fire to the West. The fire was contained in approximately 30 minutes. The fire burned 1/2 acre of grass, several fence lines and vegetation in backyards, and the barn was completely destroyed. There were no injuries, and the cause of the fire has not been determined. Five fire engines, one ladder truck and three chief officers responded, with a total of 22 personnel. Cal Fire assisted with one fire engine and one chief officer. The Visalia Police Department assisted with traffic control and closed Ben Maddox to traffic in both directions for approximately 90 minutes.

The Visalia Fire Department would like to remind residents to clear dry grass and debris from their yards, including backyards and vacant lots.

Approved By: Danny Wristen, Battalion Chief

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