

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Vehicle Fire

### *Vehicle Fire Ignites Mountains of Woodchips in Wind Event*

Orange California March 14, 2024 – At 2:46 PM Orange City Fire units responded to a reported structure fire at 2298 North Batavia. Upon arrival, Orange Engine 1 reported finding heavy smoke and fire from a large tree trimming truck located in a storage area of a commercial complex. Orange Engine 1 advised incoming units of potential downwind exposures and multiple large piles of mulch on fire in addition to the truck. Orange Engine 1 assumed the role of Fire Attack and quickly extended hose lines to the involved vehicle and mulch piles. Orange Engine 1 confirmed all residents had evacuated the nearby office units and began aggressively attacking the fire. Orange Battalion 1 assumed command of the incident and assigned the next arriving units to protect the downwind exposures. As additional crews arrived, Orange Battalion 1 began assigning fire companies to key positions, working quickly to extinguish the fire before the windy conditions caused it to spread. The fire was knocked down in twenty-six minutes and was contained to the vehicle and mulch storage area. No structures sustained any damage during fire operations.

Twenty-seven fire personnel responded to the incident. The Orange City Fire Department received assistance from Anaheim Fire and Rescue. No civilian or fire personnel injuries were reported. The incident lasted approximately two hours and thirty minutes. The fire's cause and damage estimate are under investigation.

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