



# City of Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department



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### Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department responds to brush fire in Riverfront Park

Around 11:00 p.m. last night, Tuesday, May 24, 2016, the Cottonwood Fire and Medical Department responded to a report of a brush fire located in Riverfront Park. Upon arrival fire personnel found active fire in grass, brush and trees located adjacent to the disc golf course in Riverfront Park. The fire was controlled by firefighters within an hour of their arrival, however fire extinguishment took an additional 2 hours due to the amount of large, downed, cottonwood trees involved in the fire. The fire was contained to an area of less than a quarter of an acre. Firefighters returned to the fire site at 6:00 am this morning because additional fuels had reignited within the control lines established last night. The fire size did not increase with the reignition. Assistance was provided by Clarkdale Fire District and the City of Cottonwood utility and public works departments.



While the fire is still under investigation, initial Investigation indicates the fire was human caused. The windy conditions we are experiencing are rapidly increasing fire danger in our local vegetation including grasses, brush and trees. The public is encouraged to use extreme caution when utilizing fire or spark producing tools and appliances.

For more information please contact Cottonwood Fire & Medical Department at 928-634-2741.