

# Yarnell Hill Fire Update

Tuesday, July 2, 2013, 8:00 a.m.

**Fire Information Phone Number: 928-427-3347 (Public) or 505-369-6223 (Media)**

**Yavapai County Emergency Services: 928-777-7481**

Fire Information Center Hours: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Website: [inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/3461/](http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/3461/) (may be intermittently out of service)

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## Fire Facts

**Fire Start Date:** June 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** West of State 89 between Yarnell and Peeples Valley

**Size:** Estimated at 8,400 acres

**Percent Contained:** 0 percent containment

**Cause:** Lightning

**Injuries to Date:** Late Sunday afternoon, after strong winds pushed the fire to their position, a fire crew had to deploy their fire shelters and 19 firefighters died in the line of duty.

**Meetings:** There will be community meetings in both Wickenburg and Prescott today. The Wickenburg Community Meeting will be held at the Wickenburg High School at 11:00 a.m. today, and the Prescott Community Meeting will be held at the Prescott High School at 3:30 p.m. There will be media briefings at the south road block on State 89 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. today and at the north roadblock at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. today.

**Evacuations:** Residents of Peeples Valley and Yarnell, evacuated by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office on Sunday, remain out of their homes today. The Yarnell Fire Department and Yavapai County are assessing homes and structures lost and saved in and around Yarnell. Red Cross shelters are open at Yavapai Community College in Prescott at 928-717-8210 and at the Wickenburg High School in Wickenburg at 928-446-1766. People and small animals are welcome at both shelters.

**Number of Resources:** The Southwest Area Type 1 Incident Management Team with Clay Templin as Incident Commander, assumed responsibility for the fire at 6:00 p.m. yesterday. There are about 500 personnel assigned to the fire. Air tankers and helicopters are available to support firefighters.

**Fire Conditions and Weather:** Temperatures will be in the low 90s today, humidity 15 to 18 percent and predicted winds out of the west/southwest at 10 to 15 miles per hour, gusting up to 20 miles per hour. If afternoon thunderstorms develop in the area of the fire, winds could increase up to 50 miles per hour and more erratic fire behavior would likely occur.

**Fire Closure Update:** State Highway 89 remains closed between Date Creek Road south of Yarnell and at mile marker 283 north of Peeples Valley. The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has three different road blocks at the following: the junctions of Highway 89 and Hays Ranch Road; Hays Ranch Road and Sickles Ranch Road; and at Buckhorn and Frontier Road.

**Today's Activities:** Firefighters will continue to secure the northeastern flank of the fire and protect other homes at risk in evacuated areas. Air tankers and helicopters are available to drop fire retardant and water on hot spots in support of firefighters.