

## **Flagler County Fires Press Release June 9, 2011 1:00 pm**

Flagler County resources have been aggressively fighting the wildfires that have been affecting the county for going on 6 weeks. Firefighting and support resources from around the area are now arriving to assist the county in the constant suppression efforts that Flagler County is managing.

Please see the Flagler County Emergency Management website for up to date information, and preparedness facts for wildfire preparedness,

<http://flagleremergency.com>

The biggest of all fires is the **Espanola Fire** located NW of Espanola off the old Railroad bed. This fire is well over 2500 plus acres moving in a westerly direction. There are multiple agencies working this fire, including units from The Division of Forestry, Flagler County Fire and Public Works, City of Bunnell, City of Palm Coast, City of Flagler Beach, Clay, Duval and Volusia Counties. The fire is **25 percent contained** and will continue to grow. Several homes were endangered throughout the night. **(There are NO evacuation orders at this time)** Crews worked to hold the fire from damaging the homes.

**The White Eagle Fire** is located between US 1 and CR335 North of the White Eagle and South of Seminole Woods Blvd. This fire is 120 acres and has lines around most of it. It is **80 percent contained**. DOF back burned any pockets still smoking. Palm Coast crews will monitor

**The Strawn Fire** is located close to the western county line north of CR 305. This fire is 77 acres and is not contained. On arrival, this fire produced 150 foot flames seen by FireFlight. There will be multiple fire suppression resources working and monitoring this fire.

**The Tattoo West Fire** is located near SR 11, north of the county line. This fire is 8 acres in size and is currently being monitored by various suppression apparatus

**There are no evacuation orders at this time**, we do have fire suppression units and sheriff's officers going out in areas that could potentially be threatened by the Espanola fire in the area of State Road 100 between John Campbell Dr. to the Putnam County line, to ensure their preparedness **IF** the order is given. This is **ONLY** an early notification that the need **MAY** arise for evacuation over the next few days. This information is only to heighten the homeowner's awareness of the situation.

Attached below are 10 tips to defend your home from wildfire;

# 10 Tips

## One Reason



- 1** Define your defensible space.
- 2** Reduce flammable brush around your home and under nearby trees.
- 3** Prune or remove trees.
- 4** Keep grass and weeds cut low.
- 5** Clear wood piles and building materials away from your home.
- 6** Keep your yard and roof clean.
- 7** Keep address signs visible.
- 8** Choose fire-resistant building materials and lawn furniture.
- 9** Recycle yard debris – avoid burning.
- 10** Be prepared to respond to wildfire.