



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

MARK A. HARTWIG
FIRE CHIEF/
FIRE WARDEN

4410 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Santa Barbara, Ca, May 21, 2019-

Edison Fire Cause Determination:

The cause of the wildland fire in Santa Ynez, on Saturday, May 18, 2019, was determined to be a result of an individual eradicating weeds with a propane torch. A Santa Barbara County Fire Investigator educated the individual on the dangers of using torches to eradicate weeds and issued a citation for allowing a fire to escape his control and for burning flammable material on a designated "No Burn Day".

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department does not recommend using torches or open flames for weed control and this practice is illegal in many parts of the county. As a reminder, all permit burning must occur on permissible burn days and you must follow all permit instructions when conducting burn operations. Burning of vegetation is not authorized unless the material is thoroughly dried, cut, and stacked in piles. Burning operations must be confined within fire breaks and you must have a way to rapidly extinguish the fire.

Contact Information:

Captain Daniel Bertucelli
Information Officer
Office 805-681-5531
Cell 805-896-6336
News Line 805-681-5546
Email Daniel.Bertucelli@sbcfire.com
Twitter @SBCFireInfo

All Santa Barbara County Fire Department News Releases are available at
www.sbcfire.com