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Fire in Bagdad residential area Quelled Quickly

On November 28, 2014, around 10:30 am, a YCSO deputy patrolling in Bagdad observed a grass fire behind a home in the 100 block of E. Hopi Drive. As the deputy approached the home, he saw a tenant trying to put out the fire with a garden hose and shovel. The deputy immediately called for Bagdad Fire Department personnel who arrived quickly and were able to extinguish the fire.



The tenant told deputies he had dumped hot coals onto the grass area behind his residence and left them unattended while using the bathroom inside the home. When he returned, the grass and brush surrounding the coals were burning and the fire was beginning to spread as he tried to put it out. The coals were from a fire pit which had been lit the previous night.



As we have seen all around Yavapai County in the past, these seemingly small fires can spread fast and become a major incident if not controlled immediately. Added to the concern in this situation is that the fire was adjacent to homes with a lot of dry fuel available in a nearby open field.

As a result, the tenant was issued a citation for Reckless Burning.

YCSO and Fire officials never want anyone to hesitate to call for assistance when a fire incident like this occurs. The tendency to think one can control such a fire delays response, and could lead to a disastrous situation simply avoided by calling for help immediately.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov