



# Fire Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Alamos Fire that occurred on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at approximately 3:00 pm was caused by an individual mowing dried vegetation and brush with a tractor mower. The individual was cited for operating a mower in dry vegetation and burning land that is not their own. Santa Barbara County Fire would like to provide tips for safely operating equipment in wildland areas:

- Never use mowers with metal blades in dry vegetation, use weed trimmers with nylon string.
- Mow before 10 am, and never mow during critical weather conditions.
- Ensure your tractor, mower, and equipment is equipped with an approved spark arrestor.
- Have a water extinguisher and 46 inch round tip shovel readily available.
- Keep a phone nearby to call 911 in case of an emergency.

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