



BLAZE: Firefighters work around the clock to contain Cape fires. PICTURE: CITY OF CAPE TOWN MEDIA

Fires spread through parts of Cape Town

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THE city's Fire and Rescue Services and other rescue services remained on the scene throughout the night as a blaze ravaged Scarborough, Misty Cliffs and Kommetjie yesterday.

This is the fourth blaze which started this week as a vegetation fire and became uncontrollable as it was fanned by strong winds.

The flames and smoke caused havoc and heartbreak after the fire broke out on the Scarborough mountain slopes in the early hours of yesterday morning.

A few residents had to be treated for

smoke inhalation and about 20 wood and iron homes were destroyed in the Ocean View informal settlement, Rasta Camp.

Strong winds caused the fire to spread and rip through extensive areas of vegetation on mountain slopes affecting Scarborough, Misty Cliffs and Ocean View.

Due to the heavy clouds of smoke and poor visibility, Scarborough Main Road had to be closed at certain sections between Red Hill heading towards Kommetjie for most of the day.

The city's Fire and Rescue Service's Theo Layne said even the new recruits

assisted in fighting the fire when it spread to the mountain towards Ocean View.

City of Cape Town Fire and Rescue Services spokesperson Liezl Moodie said about 200 firefighters from various services, including 100 firefighters and 26 vehicles were on the ground.

"We had about five helicopters water-bombing the area for most of the day. Table Mountain National Parks, Working on Fire, Disaster Risk Management and Volunteer Wildlife Services as well as traffic services and law enforcement also helped."

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