



**To:** University Community  
**From:** Patrick Weidinger, Director Environmental Health and Safety  
**Re:** Outdoor Fire Hazard – Brush Fires

On April 18, 2017 a carelessly discarded cigarette or match started a brush fire next to the parking lot at South Villages. Fast thinking students called emergency responders as soon as they saw the fire. Fortunately, Blue Rock Fire and Rescue firefighters were able to control and contain the blaze before it spread to any buildings.

This incident is a reminder of the danger of fires starting in places like mulch beds, fields, lawns, athletic fields, or brush lands and woods.

The risk of accidental outdoor fires will remain elevated so long as the weather remains dry.

**Please dispose of cigarettes and matches in approved receptacles and do not throw them into mulch beds, the grass, or on the ground.**