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Imperial volunteer firefighters had an interruption to their holiday weekend Saturday with two calls, one on mutual aid and another to the Chase/Dundy County line.

Fire Chief Nick Schultz said a call to the Chase/Dundy County line came in about 11:42 a.m. when fire in grass and trees was reported about two and a half miles west of Highway 61 on Greene property.

Schultz said people on the scene were burning trash in burn barrels and it got away from them, burning into the grass and trees on their property. Less than an acre of grass and several trees burned.

Firefighters were on the scene about an hour.

The fire chief reminds residents there continues to be a statewide open burning ban in Nebraska.

In addition, the Game & Parks Commission has banned all open fires and campfires at Enders Lake Recreation Area due to the drought.

The Imperial Volunteer Fire Department sent its newly-purchased rural 6x6 tanker on a mutual aid assistance call to Paxton mid-afternoon Saturday.

Schultz said a large grass fire was burning north of Paxton in the sandhills, and additional four-wheel drive tankers were needed to refill the quick attack units on scene.

The two IVFD firefighters who went on the mutual aid call were gone about nine hours, Schultz said.