**Burning Man Singed!**

By Deb Prothero (firefighter)

By the dark of the lunar eclipse early Tuesday, the Man burned. The unscheduled conflagration seems to have been the result of arson, and a man reportedly has been taken into custody, apparently caught by a Black Rock Ranger as he fled the scene.

Black Rock Rangers and federal Bureau of Land Management rangers, including two canine units, captured a suspect on the playa about 500 yards from the Pavilion. They refused to comment.

The Man was charred but still standing after being hosed down by Black Rock City firefighters.

**BMorg Statement**

At approximately 2:58 a.m. local time, a fire ignited the Burning Man figure and the center Green Man Pavilion at the Burning Man event in Black Rock City, Nevada. Black Rock City Emergency Services Department units responded from Stations Three and Nine and put the fire out within approximately 23 minutes.

There were no reported injuries. The Man is still standing, and an assessment is underway to determine the structural integrity of The Man and the Green Man Pavilion. The event will continue as scheduled.

An arson investigation is currently under way, and is ongoing. There is no confirmed cause of the ignition at this time. No further information is available at this time. More information will be released tomorrow morning after the investigation can safely be concluded.

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To Our Readers

Because of the extraordinary events of Monday night the Black Rock Beacon is pleased to offer you this special edition of our publication. We will resume our normal schedule on Wednesday and also publish Thursday, Friday, and Sunday.
The Burner in the Street

BY CITIZEN X

I interviewed some Burners out on the Playa for the full experience. They eat fresh organic food, do a lot of yoga, and spin fire. The good news is that you can easily keep them away from cooking bacon in front of your camp.

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BY JONATHAN GRUBB

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