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FIRE DAMAGES BLOOMINGTON HOME

Date/Time: **December 11, 2013 at 8:46 pm**
Location: **18400 block of San Bernardino Ave. in Bloomington**
Incident: **Single Family Home Sustains Damage from Fire**

At 8:46pm multiple calls came into the San Bernardino Communications Center reporting a house with fire coming out of several windows. Within minutes firefighters arrived on-scene at the 18400 block of San Bernardino Ave., and reported a single story, single family residential structure, well involved with fire. Fire crews had to force entry through a locked gate and front door in order to make entry into the structure. Fire attack crews were confronted with high heat and heavy smoke conditions. This along with pack rat conditions made access to the seat of the fire very challenging. Their efforts were aided by truck company operations that were able to successfully remove superheated gases and smoke by cutting ventilation holes on the roof of the structure.

It took approximately 30 minutes to have full knockdown of the fire. There was no one home at the time of the fire. After extinguishment one pet dog was found deceased in the structure. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators. It was estimated that \$90,000 in damage was sustained to the structure and its contents. Assistance was received by the Rialto Fire Department. In all four engines, two medic squads, one truck, one rescue and one battalion chief responded to the incident. San Bernardino Ave. was closed to all traffic between Linden and Locust for approximately two hours.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind drivers on the road that when they see emergency equipment responding with lights and sirens, to pull over to the right and stop. This allows emergency responders to respond quickly and safely to the incident.

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