



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Fire Damages Carport**

**Date/Time:** **February 3, 2013**

**Location:** **14500 block of Woodland Dr., Fontana**

**Incident:** **Fire Damages Carport**

At 10:27pm on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013, the San Bernardino County Fire Department received a report of a vehicle in a carport on fire on the 14500 block of Woodland Dr. in Fontana. First arriving fire crews reported a single story carport with approximately 20 garages, with smoke and fire showing from two garage units and from both gable vents. They began a quick fire attack along with forcible entry into adjacent units to prevent fire spread. Concurrently a truck company was on the roof performing vertical ventilation to prevent horizontal spread of the fire in a common attic. Due to these aggressive efforts the fire was contained to two units with some minor smoke damage to adjoining units.

There were no reported injuries to any civilians or firefighters. According to Fire Investigators on scene, the cause of the fire appears to be "accidental" in nature. Damage to the carport and contents were estimated at \$100,000. However it is estimated that approximately \$500,000 in value of the building and its contents were saved. The San Bernardino County Fire Department responded 4 Medic Engines, 1 Medic Truck, 2 Medic Squads and 1 Investigator for a total of 21 personnel. One Battalion Chief also responded on Mutual Aid from the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to take this time to advise the public that flames from burning vehicles can often shoot out distances of 10 feet or more depending on the elements involved. In rare cases, gas tanks can rupture spraying flammable fuel. In more extraordinary cases fuel tanks can explode. One should never put themselves in danger using a fire extinguisher. Get yourself and others a safe distance away and call 9-1-1.

