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## Structure Fire in Joshua Tree Seen from Miles Away

**Date/Time:** July 2, 2014, 6:12pm  
**Location:** 62000 Block of Sun Mesa Road, Joshua Tree, CA  
**Incident:** Structure Fire

**Summary:** At 6:12pm on July 2, the San Bernardino County Communications Center received calls for a structure fire at the 62600 block of Sun Mesa Road in Joshua Tree, CA.

Upon dispatch San Bernardino County Fire units reported that a smoke column was visible as they responded to the fire. Upon arrival the first in fire engine reported heavy fire showing from the rear left corner of the approximately 900 square foot home. The firefighters made an aggressive attack on the fire that soon spread to the attic. Due to plywood and double layers of drywall that made up the ceiling of the home, firefighters had extra work to get to the attic fire. The residents were not home at the time of the fire but their three small dogs were found in the structure. Two of the three dogs were rescued by firefighters but one was found dead.

Three engine companies, three firefighter paramedic ambulances, one brush patrol and a battalion chief, totaling 16 fire personnel were assigned to the incident. No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. The damage to the home was estimated at \$100,000. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to know; is your number up? Make sure emergency personnel can find your address by posting it in a visible location (day or night).

Courtesy photos can be found at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) under latest news.

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