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FIRE DESTROYS VICTORVILLE DUPLEX

Date/Time: Thursday, October 17, 2013 12:44 PM
Location: 15600 block Sueno Lane Victorville, CA
Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Shortly before 1:00 pm, San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to multiple reports of a structure fire burning in the area of Sueno Lane and Barranca Way in the City of Victorville. The first units arrived at the 15600 block of Sueno Lane six minutes after dispatch to find a multi-family dwelling well-involved with fire.

The property is comprised of two separate buildings each of which is made up of two units joined by a garage. Coordinated attack efforts by County Fire confined the fire to the first building while containing a section of vegetation behind the property that had ignited from exposure.

The building was vacant and had been boarded up before the blaze, however a significant amount of personal belongings were left behind which contributed to the intensity of the fire. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

Total loss is estimated at \$50,000. The cause is presently under investigation through County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal in conjunction with San Bernardino County Sheriff's Arson & Bomb detail.

San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind its citizens of the importance of talking to our children about the dangers of playing with fire. For information on how to talk to young ones about this hazard, please go to www.sbcfire.org and click on "Safety Preparedness."

For photos of the incident, please go to www.sbcfire.org and click on "Latest News."

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