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Structure Fire Destroys Crestline Home

Date/Time: 01/23/2015, 8:40 am
Location: 700 block of Woodland Road, Crestline, C A
Incident: Single family residence structure fire

Summary: At approximately 8:40 a.m. Friday morning a citizen knocked on the door of the top town Crestline Fire Station to report a building on fire. Upon arrival, San Bernardino County firefighters found a well-established fire in a two-story residence on the 700 block of Woodland Road in Crestline. The fire had spread via radiant heat into a small spot of vegetation to the rear of the residence.

Firefighters immediately assured the residence was evacuated, and went into attack mode to control the flames. A chain link fence with a locked gate surrounded the home, making access difficult. The home was also set back from the street and up a small hill requiring fire crews to stretch hose line several hundred feet in order to attack the fire. It took approximately 15 minutes for firefighters to knock the fire down and contain it. The fire was contained to the building of origin.

The fire, which burned through the roof and attic, caused heavy damage to the structure. Although the residence was reported to have been unoccupied for many years, the origin of the fire appears to be near the fireplace. The specific cause remains under investigation. A preliminary estimate is approximately \$100,000 in structural damage.

San Bernardino County Fire Department provided four Fire Engines, a Paramedic Ambulance, and a Battalion Chief to contain and control the structure fire. U.S.F.S. and CalFire provided a total of three engines to extinguish the small spot fire, and help assure the fire would not continue to spread into the surrounding vegetation.

The excellent cooperative relationship between the San Bernardino County Fire Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff, United States Forest Service, and CalFire helped contribute to the success of this difficult operation. No injuries were reported.

Courtesy photos can be located at www.sbctfire.org under latest news.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department urges homeowners and residents to make sure there are working smoke detectors in every room, and to have a Home Pre-Fire Plan.

Visit www.sbctfire.org for more information on Residential Pre-Fire Plans and Fire Safety.