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Early Morning Fire Destroys Home

Date/Time: **Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 4:38 a.m.**
Location: **55000 Block of Sunnyslope Rd., Landers, Ca.**
Incident: **Residential Structure Fire**

Summary: Firefighters responded to an early morning residential structure fire in a small, one bedroom home in the rural San Bernardino County area of Landers. Upon arrival, the home was well involved in fire prompting crews to use a defensive attack mode due to the threat to the vegetation in the area. The threat to igniting the vegetation in the area was increased due to the extremely high winds at the time.

Firefighters made quick work of protecting the fire exposure to the brush and knocking down the fire in about 15 minutes. The crews continued to work on overhauling the fire in the approximate 800 square foot structure. One resident in the area was taken into custody by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, unrelated to the fire.

In all, 15 San Bernardino County Fire personnel responded to the fire with the assistance of an additional 3 firefighters on an engine from Cal Fire. Personnel remained on the scene for approximately 2 hours while the work was completed and an investigation was conducted.

The Fire is still currently under investigation however it appears to have been accidental in nature, according to the investigator.

San Bernardino County Fire encourages residents to maintain a defensible space by clearing vegetation and debris near your property. In addition to protecting your home from an approaching fire, it could help prevent a fire from your property entering into a wild land environment and causing much more destruction. For more information on defensible space, go to www.sbcfire.org.

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