

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Tree Topples Onto Structure & Vehicle during Winter Storm**

## Date/Time:February 28, 2014, 11:03 a.m.Location:5900 block of Manzanita Ave., Angelus Oaks

**Summary:** Around 11 a.m., San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to a call of a tree down into a structure and a vehicle in the 5900 block of Manzanita Avenue in Angelus Oaks. Initial reports were that victims were trapped either in the house or the vehicle. High winds and rain had toppled a 70-foot pine tree, blocking the street and bringing power and communication lines down with it.

Two units from County Fire Station 98 immediately responded and found that nobody was trapped or injured in the mishap, and confirmed that there was no fire. The energized downed lines still remained a threat, so Company 98 personnel set up a safety perimeter and called for Southern California Edison to assist. SCE crews soon arrived and secured the scene for the removal of the tree.

Manzanita Avenue was re-opened at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Safety message: Never approach downed power lines, and always consider downed lines to be "live". If you see downed power lines, leave the area immediately and call 9-1-1.

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