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## ***County Firefighters Save Puppies in Victorville House Fire***

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 12:54 am  
**Location:** 16000 block of Allen St. Victorville, California  
**Incident:** Residential Structure Fire

### **Summary:**

At approximately 1 A.M. San Bernardino County Fire received reports of a structure fire at the above location. County Fire responded with 4 paramedic engine companies, 1 paramedic truck company and 1 battalion chief totaling 16 personnel. The first arriving engine reported heavy smoke and flames showing and firefighters were met at the street by the occupant of the home stating, "My babies are inside." Firefighters were able to clarify that the "babies" trapped inside were actually 5 puppies.

County Fire initiated an aggressive well-coordinated interior attack, which included a primary search of the residence for any potential human victims. Firefighters were able to safely rescue 4 of the 5 puppies and remove them from harm. Unfortunately 1 puppy did not survive.

The fire was brought under control in approximately 15 minutes and the cause is currently under investigation by the office of the fire marshal. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. Smoke detectors were not present in the home. County Fire would like to remind residents that working smoke detectors should be installed in every home. Smoke detectors save lives!

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