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House on Serrano and Utah Erupts Into Flames

Leah Sanson, *The Desert Trail*

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TWENTYNINE PALMS — Responders are still unsure how a fire started at a home on the corner of Serrano Drive and Utah Trail early Monday afternoon. Deputy Arthurton stated that nobody was in the house when flames erupted.

Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire were assisted by the Combat Center fire department in battling the blaze.

In addition to firefighters, four sheriff's vehicles and three probation officers responded to the fire.

Daniel Stewart, owner of the house at 74517 Serrano Drive, said he just got home and sat down when his friend said there were flames in his back room.

That is when the homeowner touched the door handle to see if it was hot. Then he and his friend fled the house.

Stewart said the house could have caught fire from a bunch of trash and some glass in the back of the house.

Neighbor Valen Hollis said that the house "burnt up in flames in just ten minutes."

Another neighbor, Charles Steele, said he had been recording the fire for 12 minutes and it took fire fighters eight minutes to arrive on the scene.

After inspecting parts of the inside of the house, the fire department pulled out of the home due to reports of alleged drug activity.

"Maybe that finally puts an end to the tweaker house," stated a passerby riding by on his bike.

An investigation is continuing.

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Firefighters Prevent Garage Fire From Spreading to Victorville Home

Hugo Valdez, *Victor Valley News*

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VICTORVILLE (VVNG.com) — San Bernardino County Fire responded to a residential structure fire on the 13000 block of Finch Way in Victorville.

County fire dispatch received the call at about 6:10 a.m. on July 11th, 2016. Firefighters arrived within minutes and located heavy smoke and fire coming from the garage.

According to Public Information Officer Jeff Allen, “the fire was threatening to extend into the living space of the structure.”

Firefighters immediately went into the attack mode. “They transitional attack the garage and took some heat out of it and then made entry through the front door,” stated Allen.

Firefighters conducted a primary and secondary search of the home and there were no occupants inside the home.

A total of 18 personnel responded to the fire including, 3 paramedic engines, 1 paramedic truck company, 1 paramedic squad, and 1 battalion chief.

Jeff Allen was able to confirm that no civilians, firefighters or any of the family pets were injured during the fire. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

<http://www.vvng.com/firefighters-prevent-garage-fire-from-spreading-to-victorville-home/>

Two Fires in Morongo Basin Within an Hour Monday

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Morongo Basin firefighters were busy fighting two fires Monday. Just after 11:30 a.m., firefighters were called to the 1800 block of Booth Road in Landers. Yucca Mesa firefighters were not available, so firefighters from Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree responded. When they arrived, they found two Conex boxes, a vehicle, and a propane tank on fire. A resident received minor injuries from fighting the blaze, and was treated at the scene. The fire was knocked down about 12:10. A county fire investigator has been called to the scene.

Then about 12:20, Twentynine Palms firefighters were called to 74500 block of Serrano Drive, at the corner of Utah Trail, for a fully-involved house fire. Black smoke could be seen for miles. Firefighters reported heavy fire in the home's interior; reports of possible hazardous materials prevented fire fighters from attacking the fire by making entry. An exterior attack was used to put out the fire. A Haz-Mat team and fire investigator were called to the scene. Firefighters from Morongo Valley, the Combat Center, and Wonder Valley assisted with the blaze. CalFire assisted with coverage. Utah Trail was closed from Alta Loma Drive to Baseline Road due to all the emergency vehicles. No one was home at the time and there were no injuries.



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