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Fully Involved Structure Fire in Joshua Tree

Date/Time: 11/13/14 @ 1315
Location: 63000 Block of Tilford Way, Joshua Tree, CA 92252
Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Summary:

At approximately 1:15 PM units received dispatch for a residential structure fire in the area of Tilford Way and Mesa Verde road in Joshua Tree. Initial reports by residents in the area confirmed heavy black smoke and flames seen from the residence. No reports of occupants trapped were received.

Initial response included 3 San Bernardino County Fire Department Medic Engines, 1 Medic Ambulance, 1 Battalion Chief, and two mutual aid units from Twentynine Palms and Morongo Valley. Upon arrival, the approximately 1500 square foot single family dwelling was fully involved in fire with all occupants out of the building. Multiple exposures including a detached garage and surrounding vegetation were threatened. Medic Engine 36 stationed in Joshua Tree quickly began exposure protection to limit the spread of the well involved home. Limited water supply in the area was effective enough to contain the fire to the structure of origin, but took approximately 40 minutes to completely knock down the flames.

It was reported by the residents of the structure, that the fire began in a bedroom that was not occupied when ignition occurred. Loss is estimated to be approximately \$150,000. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

All occupants including a mother, two children, and a dog were able to escape without injury. Although all were able to vacate the structure, residents stated that both of their two smoke detectors did not alarm. The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind you to change your batteries in your smoke alarms twice a year and check them often for operation.

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