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Vacant Home Saved From Outbuilding Fire

Date/Time:May 15, 2014Location:39000 block of Tami Rd. in Harvard, Ca.Incident:Residential Structure Fire

Summary: Just after 3:00 p.m., the San Bernardino County Fire Department received reports of an unknown type fire in the area. When the first unit arrived on scene, they found a very large outbuilding completely engulfed in flames. The fire was threatening the vacant main structure and vegetation in the area.

With limited water, firefighters aggressively attacked the fire with an emphasis on protecting the main structure and preventing the fire from spreading further into the vegetation. With the assistance of Fort Irwin Fire Dept., Newberry Springs Fire Dept., and Yermo Fire Dept., firefighters were able to confine the fire to the large outbuilding and several rubbish piles. A total of three fire engines, two brush patrols, 2 water tenders, a battalion chief, and an investigator responded. The cause of the fire is still under investigation as well as determining if the home has been abandoned.

Safety Message: The San Bernardino County Fire Department asks all citizens to be vigilant in their neighborhoods of those coming and going from abandoned homes and notify the authorities to report any suspicious activity. If the public has any information related to this incident they are urged to contact our Fire Investigators at (909) 386-8440.

See sbcfire.org for pictures.

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