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Fire Destroys Phelan Home

Date/Time: February 14, 2013/1235 Hrs.

Location: 4600 Block Walnut, Phelan

Incident: Residential Structure Fire

A couple in their home Thursday afternoon reported hearing a popping noise to the rear of their home. Upon further investigation they discovered a fire on the outside up against the home. They immediately dialed 911 and reported the fire.

San Bernardino County Fire Department responded with a Battalion Chief, Four engines, a patrol and an ambulance to find the fire had already spread to the interior of the home. Although the home and was a complete loss, the firefighters were able to save 2 large detached garages and a motor home. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Damage was estimated at \$120,000.

Winter is here and the San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind those with fireplaces to dispose of charcoal coals only after they are cool. Empty the coals into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid that is used only to collect coals. Place the container away from anything that can burn. Never empty coals directly into a trash can.