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Candle Starts House Fire

On October 21, 2013 at 07:08 in the morning, San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a reported residential structure fire in the 8400 block of Silver Rock Rd. in Pinon Hills. Five engines, two ambulances, one Battalion Chief, one Fire Investigator and two engines from CalFire responded.

Units responding reported smoke showing from the fire station. Medic Engine 10, the first unit on scene, reported a two-story residence with heavy fire coming from the master bedroom. Engine 10's crew quickly entered the home and began an aggressive fire attack while other crews laddered the roof cutting holes allowing heavy smoke and heated gases to exit the structure. This reduced heat and created better visibility for interior crews which allowed them to locate and extinguish the fire.

The home was occupied by two people, one of which was transported to and later released from Arrowhead Regional Medical Center after evaluation for possible smoke inhalation. No injuries to firefighters were reported.

Investigation revealed that the fire started secondary to an unattended candle. Damage to the 2,800 square foot home is estimated at \$125,000.

San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds you not to leave burning candles unattended. Practice the E.D.I.T.H. drill, Exit Drill In The Home; have a plan for your family to exit your home and a pre-determined meeting place outside. Prepare for needed lighting during emergencies or disasters with safer measures like battery operated flashlights.

Other disaster preparedness information can be obtained at www.sbcfire.org.

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