



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Firefighters Battle Flames in Needles**

**Date/Time:** July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
**Location:** 2100 blk. of El Monte St.  
**Incident:** Structure Fire

#### **Summary:**

At approximately 4 A.M. San Bernardino County Fire received numerous reports of a house on fire in the 2100 block of El Monte St. in the City of Needles. County Fire arrived on scene shortly after dispatch and found an approximate 1400 sq. ft. single story home well involved in flames. County Firefighters also reported that neighboring homes were threatened by fire. Firefighters initiated an aggressive exterior attack and prevented further fire spread to neighboring homes. The construction features of lightweight trusses and falling roof tiles hindered firefighters during the attack.

County Fire crews along with assistance from Mohave Valley Fire had the fire under control in approximately 20 minutes. County Fire often uses mutual aid assistance from neighboring Departments to ensure firefighter safety and adequate personnel are able to handle the emergency. One Firefighter sustained a minor injury and has since returned to duty and there were no injuries to civilians. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the San Bernardino County Office of the Fire Marshal.

County Fire would like to remind residents to always pull to the right for emergency vehicles that are responding with lights and sirens.

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