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Vacant San Bernardino home destroyed by fire, homeless activity suspected

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Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire, Colton and Loma Linda responded Thursday, December 8, 2016 to fire in a vacant home in the 1000 block of S Waterman in San Bernardino. (Staff photo by Rick Sforza/The Sun, SCNG)

SAN BERNARDINO >> Firefighters battled a fire in a boarded-up, vacant home Thursday morning, prompting them to shut down a stretch of Waterman Avenue.

Shortly after 8 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to the home in the 1000 block of S. Waterman Ave, spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said.

As firefighters approached they could see a large plume of smoke billowing from the home.

“We began to attack the fire from the outside,” Battalion Chief Gary Jager said. “The reason is because of the construction used to build a home of this age. It was just a matter of time before the roof collapsed, and we didn’t want to endanger fire personnel.”

And then the roof collapsed. A ladder truck was brought in to battle the blaze.

Neighbors said they’ve seen the homeless community nearly double in the area over the last year causing some concern.

“It was a really nice house at one time,” 54-year-old Miguel Sanchez said. “It’s only been boarded up for about a month, but ever since that happened all the homeless people in the area have been going in and out like they owned the place.”

Arson investigators at the scene said they believe the cause of the fire could be from homeless activity in the home, but they’re not ready to make that determination.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20161208/vacant-san-bernardino-home-destroyed-by-fire-homeless-activity-suspected>

School children go on special tour of Fontana's historic Fire Station 71

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Local children gather for a photo at Fire Station 71. (Contributed photo by San Bernardino County Fire Department)

More than 125 school children took a special tour of John B. Roberts Fire Station 71 in downtown Fontana on Nov. 29.

The first-graders had fun while listening to Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle Covarubio and Captain Bob Kittleman talk about the historic station, which has a fire museum attached to it.

In addition to being the oldest fire station in Fontana, Station 71 is also one of the busiest fire stations in San Bernardino County, responding to about 6,000 calls per year. It is located at 16980 Arrow Boulevard.

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/school-children-go-on-special-tour-of-fontana-s-historic/article_e4e5f100-bd84-11e6-ab4f-67c0c6bc92.html

Firefighters Knock Down Fire on Crest Forest Drive

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Cedarpines Park, CA – A residential structure fire in the 21000 block of Crest Forest Drive in Cedarpines Park was reported just before 12:30 a.m. Thursday.

Responding units observed flames coming from the roof of the structure and, once on scene, safely evacuated the occupants of the structure.

San Bernardino County Fire, CALFIRE and the U.S. Forest Service responded to the blaze and the Crest Incident Commander reported units immediately went into offensive attack mode and knocked down the fire in about 30 minutes.

Crestline-paid call firefighters were also requested to respond to the Crest Incident.

NOTE: socalmountains.com contributed to this report.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/12/08/structure-fire-firefighters-knock-down-fire-on-crest-forest-drive/>

Victorville gas station owner arrested for submitting fraudulent government documents

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District Attorney Investigators arrested Amgad Abdelmassihe at his place of business and he was booked into West Valley Detention Center. (Photo courtesy of San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office.)

VICTORVILLE – The owner of the MA Food and Gas, formerly the Valero Gas Station located on 7th Street in the City of Victorville was arrested today for submitting fraudulent documents to a government agency.

Anaheim resident, Amfad Abdelmassihe, 41, was charged with one felony count of Submission of False or Fraudulent Documents to a Government Agency, and one felony count of Forgery after submitting documents stating he was in compliance with environmental laws for the gas station located at 15603 7th Street.

The Lead Deputy District Attorney Doug Poston said that gas stations are required by law to have annual inspections to confirm proper maintenance and compliance with environmental laws. “The laws and regulations are in place to ensure that underground storage tanks do not leak toxic and flammable automotive fuels into the water tables, which in some cases lie a short distance from the surface of the earth,” said Poston. The information must be submitted to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Division** for the regulation of all facilities handling hazardous materials or waste.

“Our office remains committed to the protection of our natural resources, and if a regulated business falsifies documentation or tries to avoid compliance with the rules designed to protect our communities from poisoning the air we breathe and the water we drink, they can expect to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” said District Attorney Mike Ramos. “It’s simple, follow the rules or go to jail.”

Abdelmassihe was arrested by District Attorney Investigators at his place of business and he was booked into the West Valley Detention Center. He is scheduled to appear at the Victorville Superior Court on Monday, December 12, 2016, and faces up to 3 years in prison if convicted as charged.

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