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Residential Structure Fire in Lake Arrowhead Villas

Date/Time: *5/16/2014, 9:34 am*
Location: *800 Block of Community Dr., Lake Arrowhead, CA*
Incident: *Residential Structure Fire*

Summary: At 9:34 am neighbors called 911 to report smoke coming from the windows to the rear of a nearby residence. A U.S. Forest Service Patrol unit was in the area and responded to the fire, reporting heavy smoke coming from a two-story residential structure.

First arriving Firefighters from the San Bernardino County Fire found heavy smoke conditions coming from the structure. Firefighters aggressively attacked the fire by forcing entry through the front door and found heavy fire conditions coming from the kitchen and living room areas on the first floor.

Twenty firefighters had the fire under control within 15 minutes. A search of the building revealed that no occupants were present. Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire, USFS and CalFire responded to the fire. A total of 5 Engines, 2 Ambulances, 1 Brush Patrol and 1 Battalion Chief were assigned to the incident. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. Initial reports from neighbors indicated the family dog may have been inside the residence but was later found in the care of a nearby neighbor.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the San Bernardino County Fire Office of the Fire Marshal. No damage estimates are currently available.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind you that if you have a grease fire in your kitchen, DO NOT throw water on it to extinguish the fire, this will only spread the burning liquids to adjacent areas or cause burns to yourself or others. Instead, cover the fire with a lid or use a fire extinguisher rated for flammable liquid fires. Baking soda or a moistened towel may also be used to smother the fire if the lid is not available.

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