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Two Families Displaced by Evening Fire

Date/Time: June 22, 2012/10pm

Location: 300 block of Kuffel Canyon Road, Lake Arrowhead

Incident: Structure Fire

Summary: Fire crews worked quickly to stop a fire's spread as flames erupted in the kitchen of a large home on Kuffel Canyon Road Friday. Two families were displaced following the late evening fire.

When San Bernardino County Firefighters arrived on scene, flames and heavy smoke were pouring from the front side of the multi-level structure, which was divided into a main home on the upper level and a separated apartment on the floor below. Firefighters extended hose lines through the front door and made a quick, aggressive attack, knocking down the flames and containing the fire in 25 minutes. The fire was declared fully out just before 11pm. No other structures were affected, and there was no fire threat to the surrounding forest.

By keeping the fire in check, firefighters were able to save several family pets that had sheltered in the house. Two dogs, a kitten and several birds were removed from the home unharmed. There were no injuries reported by either occupants or firefighters.

Fire investigators state the fire was accidental in nature, most likely starting when a kitchen stove burner was left on. Damage to the home was estimated at \$50,000.

A total of 12 firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire in Lake Arrowhead responded to the call.

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