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FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE SUNRISE FIRE IN VICTORVILLE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT

Incident: Debris Fire BDC: 16-107785

Date / Time: Tuesday, December 20, 2016. 7:09 am

Location: Mojave River bottom near D Street and Hesperia Road, Victorville, CA

Victorville, CA- at 7:09 this morning, San Bernardino County Fire responded to numerous reports of a railroad bridge on fire near "D" Street and Hesperia Road in the city of Victorville. First arriving firefighters on scene located a fire established in a homeless encampment located under an iron bridge.

The fire was fueled by large amounts of debris and clothing that had been accumulated by people living under the bridge. Firefighters had the burn under control in approximately 45 minutes. Three engines, one Truck Company, one squad and a chief officer were originally assigned to the bridge assignment. Once the true nature of the fire was determined, a hand crew and water tender were added bringing a total of 26 firefighters to the call.

"D" Street was closed during the initial attack, and rail traffic was slowed to allow personnel a safer working environment.

There were no injuries reported, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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