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Structure Fire Damages Two Homes in Cedar Glen

Date/Time: 11/10/2014, 00:48 am
Location: 200 Block of Lilac Dr. Cedar Glen
Incident: Two Single Family Residences - Structure Fire

Summary: On 11/10/2014 at approx. 00:48 am, San Bernardino County Fire Department received a 9-1-1 call for a reported structure fire on Lilac Drive in Cedar Glen, CA.

The first San Bernardino County Fire Engine arrived on scene at 00:51 am (within 3 minutes) to find a well established fire in a two story residence with extension into a nearby residence. The two structures were close together and connected by decking and common patios. Firefighters immediately performed an aggressive and coordinated attack to control the fire and prevent the threat to several nearby residences. A primary search was performed to assure there were no citizens inside the structures.

Due to the close proximity of the structures and the heavy construction, both homes sustained significant damage. However, due to the quick action by the initial responding fire units, several additional structures that were at risk were able to be saved. Accessibility turned out to be an issue, and it took firefighters approximately an hour to access all the small structural spaces and complete a "knock-down" of the fire. Additional challenges that made firefighting difficult included poor access roads, energized power lines down around the homes and difficulty establishing a good water source from the local system. Unfortunately, both structures sustained significant damage, and will likely be declared a total loss. Preliminary estimates indicate approximately \$250,000 in structural damage.

San Bernardino County Fire Department provided ten Fire Engines, a Paramedic Ambulance, and a Battalion Chief to contain and control the structure fire. Cal-Fire provided a total of three engines to help assure the fire would not spread into the surrounding vegetation. San Bernardino County Sheriff also responded and remained on standby in case evacuations were deemed necessary. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The excellent cooperative relationship between the San Bernardino County Fire Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff, and Cal-Fire helped contribute to the success of this difficult operation. No injuries were reported.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department urges homeowners and residents to make sure their smoke detectors are working and to have a Home Pre-Fire Plan.

Visit www.sbcfire.org for pictures of this incident and more information on Residential Pre-Fire Plans and Fire Safety.