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School Bus Catches Fire on Highway 330

Date/Time: **July 7, 2012, 6:30 p.m.**
Location: **Highway 330 just north of Highland Ave.**
Incident: **School Bus Fire**

Summary: A school bus returning home from a competition in the San Bernardino Mountains was destroyed by fire Saturday night. When firefighters arrived, the bus was completely engulfed in flames, but through an aggressive attack on the fire they were able to contain the fire to the bus and keep it from spreading into the surrounding vegetation.

Fire officials deemed the fire started after one of the rear tires on the bus blew and caught fire, eventually spreading into the bus.

All 56 passengers on board, including the bus driver, were able to safely evacuate the bus and no injuries were reported.

A total of 20 firefighters from the San Bernardino County, San Bernardino City, San Manuel, Cal Fire and Forest Service Fire Departments comprised the multi jurisdictional response. CHP was also on scene to handle all law enforcement duties.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind everyone to always drive safely and be aware of your surroundings. If your vehicle catches fire, don't try and put it out yourself, exit the vehicle and get to safety. Please visit the CHP website at www.chp.ca.gov for safe driving tips.

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