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Vehicle Into House Results In Structure Fire

Date/Time: Sunday, February 10, 2019 10:08 AM
Location: 13000 block of Riverview Drive, Spring Valley Lake
Incident: Residential Structure Fire #19-029035

Summary: Just after 10 am this morning, San Bernardino County Fire received multiple reports of a vehicle into a structure with the home involved with fire. While units were responding a large column of smoke could be scene throughout the desert. Medic Engine 22 arrived in 5 minutes and reported a well involved single story structure with the surrounding homes immediately threatened.

Due to the wind conditions, fire involvement and potential for spread, a second alarm was requested. As firefighters initiated their attack, multiple vehicles were also found to be involved. Initial priorities were to check for any potential victims in or near the vehicles and home. Crews deployed lines to protect the nearby structures and limit any spread of fire.

High winds in the area complicated suppression efforts and presented additional challenges with exposures and fire spread. After an initial defensive attack firefighters were able to transition to an offensive operation. Firefighters entered the home and initiated an offensive fire attack. Knockdown was achieved in 30 minutes.

One firefighter was transported by ground for minor injuries. One civilian, the driver of the involved vehicle, was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

Seven engines, two truck companies, four chief officers, one heavy rescue and one investigator totaling 35 personnel from County Fire were assigned to the incident. Apple Valley Fire District assisted with one truck. Initial cause of the fire is from a single vehicle traffic collision which struck several parked cars prior to entering the structure.

Detailed damage estimates are still being evaluated however significant damage was sustained to the primary fire building; no damage was sustained to exposure buildings. The fire remains under investigation by County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal and California Highway Patrol. Additional information will be released by CHP. Due to the resources committed at the fire, additional County Fire equipment was brought in from the valley division to maintain service levels and station coverage.

San Bernardino County Fire reminds residents to provide two means of escape from every room, and make sure everyone knows where to meet after leaving the home. Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household. Remember, never return to a burning building for any reason. Your belongings can be replaced –you can't! Learn more at www.sbcfire.org.

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