



NEWS RELEASE

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FIRE DAMAGES ROOF, CONDOMINIUMS SAVED IN SILVER LAKES

Date/Time: Sunday, May 4th, 2014, 4:30 PM
Location: 27000 Block of Lakeview Drive (Silver Lakes) in Helendale, CA
Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Summary: A commercial structure fire was reported at approximately 4:30 PM, along with additional reports of pine trees burning near the 27000 block of Lakeview Drive in Silver Lakes. Local San Bernardino County Firefighters from Helendale arrived on scene to find multiple pine trees burning at a condominium complex, spreading to a palm tree at the site and blowing embers downwind to multiple residences due to extreme afternoon wind conditions during the blaze.

Hot embers blown from the trees caused a fire to ignite on the roof of one of the condominium buildings. Firefighters initiated an aggressive attack which proved successful in saving the building and preventing fire spread to other residences. The fire was stopped at the roof, with an estimated \$7,000 in damage. One fire official said the tile roofing was instrumental in helping to reduce fire spread.

A second alarm responded due to the high wind conditions and initial fire threat to condominium residences. The first alarm engine companies were able to get a handle on the fire and the second alarm was canceled prior to their arrival. Four Engines, One Patrol, One Battalion Chief and One Investigator, a total of 15 personnel worked this incident. The cancelled alarm assignment included assistance from the Apple Valley Fire District. There was a single minor injury to a firefighter, who was treated at the hospital and released back to duty. The fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Officials.

Your San Bernardino County Firefighters remind you:

- Please be diligent to keep flammables away from vegetation and trash.
- Even live trees can be dry enough to ignite during this time of year.
- Replace existing wood shake roofing with either tile or shingle roofing.
- Immediately report ANY suspicious or careless activity that may lead to fire ignition.

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