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Structure Fire in Needles

Date/Time: **November 14, 2015 – 2:05 A.M.**
Location: **Balboa Pl. / Needles Hwy, Needles, CA**
Incident: **Residential Structure Fire**

Summary: Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire (SBCoFD) Station 31 in Needles along with units for surrounding agencies responded to a residential structure fire in Needles. Firefighters from the Needles fire station arrived on scene within eight minutes after receiving the alarm. The first unit on scene discovered a small abandoned home with flames coming through the roof. SBCoFD firefighters mounted an aggressive attack with assistance from Mohave Valley Fire Department.

During the initial attack, firefighters performed a search for possible victims. No victims were found in the home. In all, it took six firefighters approximately 15 minutes to extinguish the fire. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

The home appeared to have been abandoned for many years. There was extensive damage throughout the home that existed prior to the fire. An investigation was conducted and the fire was determined to be suspicious in nature. The fire was discovered and reported by a San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy who was patrolling the area. There were no witnesses found by deputies or firefighters. If anyone has information pertaining to this fire please contact Fire Station 31 at (760) 326-2833 or the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Safety Message: The San Bernardino County Fire Department encourages residents to have an escape plan in place in the event of a house fire. Review the plan regularly with all occupants of the home. Being prepared saves lives!

For photos of this incident please visit our website at www.sbcfire.org

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