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## Firefighters Save Home, Find Deceased Victim

Date/Time: January 9, 2012, 3:15 a.m.

Location: 9100 block of Lemon Ct., City of Fontana Incident: Residential Structure Fire with Fatality

**Summary:** San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to an early morning fire at a two-story, single family residence on Lemon Court. Upon their arrival, the  $2^{nd}$  story of the home was fully engulfed in flames.

When firefighters went to the back yard of the residence, they discovered an elderly gentleman deceased. The cause of death is not believed to be fired related. Firefighters quickly conducted a second cursory search of the home for additional victims and found none.

It took 23 firefighters approximately 15 minutes to extinguish the blaze. Firefighters were instrumental in keeping the fire contained to the second floor and saving the home.

San Bernardino County Fire Investigators determined the fire was intentionally set utilizing accelerants. There were multiple ignition sites throughout the home. Fontana Police Officers are conducting the remainder of the investigation. There are no damage estimates at this time.

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