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## ***Overnight Structure Fire Claims One Life***

**Date/Time:** July 21, 2014, 2:26 a.m.  
**Location:** 11500 block Villa St., Adelanto  
**Incident:** Structure Fire

**Summary:** At approximately 2:26 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire received multiple reports of a structure fire in the 11500 block of Villa St. in the City of Adelanto, with multiple reports of persons trapped, possible children screaming. A first alarm assignment was dispatched to include 3 engine companies, a truck company and a battalion chief.

The first unit arrived on scene and found an approximate 1900 sq. ft. home with heavy smoke and fire coming from a front room window. Firefighters aggressively but safely began to fight the fire and slow down the fire's progression through the home as the truck company made its way onto the roof to perform vertical ventilation allowing the smoke, heat and gasses to escape upwards. Fire resources on scene were able to confine the fire mainly to a front bedroom, although the home suffered major smoke and heat damage throughout.

Once the fire was controlled, firefighters found a deceased adult who perished in the fire as well as two dogs that were found in the residence as well. The original reports of children as well as "multiple" persons being trapped, was unsubstantiated once fire crews were able to completely search the residence.

An estimated \$100,000 in damage occurred to the home and its contents. No injuries were reported to firefighters at the scene. San Bernardino County Fire investigators working in conjunction with San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept. Arson and Bomb detail are on scene currently investigating the fire at the time of this release.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind the public to always pull to the right when an emergency vehicle approaches. Stay vigilant when driving to not just emergency vehicles but other vehicles, especially motorcycles that are not easily seen on the road.

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