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San Bernardino County Fire Quells Large Two-Alarm House Blaze

FONTANA – The San Bernardino County Fire Department rushed to a large house fire in Fontana just after midnight yesterday. Firefighters were dispatched to a reported structure fire on Boyle Ave at Catawba in Fontana, just south of the 10 freeway at 0058 hours on September 27. A column of smoke was immediately visible. Battalion Chief Warren Peterson arrived first on scene and reported a well-involved single-story residential structure fire and that all residents had safely exited the structure. The structure was about 2,500 square feet in size including multiple additions.

At the time of arrival, the fire had extended into the attic, the vegetation outside the structure, and was impinging onto a detached apartment, where it quickly spread throughout the structure. The second alarm was requested at 0118 and the stubborn blaze was brought under control at 0208. It took 32 firefighters to control the blaze.

There were no injuries and the American Red Cross was called to the scene to assist with housing for the one male occupant. The fire completely consumed both structures and losses are estimated at \$150,000 for the structures and \$40,000 for the contents. The cause of the fire is undetermined, but signs point to electrical causes, according to San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

Photos are available at www.sbcfire.org.