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Upland Crews Knockdown Attic Fire

Date/Time: Thursday, May 7, 2020, 6:05 pm
Location: 800 Block of Driftwood St, City of Upland
Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Summary: At 6:05 this evening San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 800 Block of Driftwood Street in the City of Upland. 911 callers stated they had smoke coming from a home's attic.

ME164 arrived within 5 minutes of dispatch to find smoke showing from the attic of a single-story home. Shortly after arrival wind conditions picked up, causing the fire to grow rapidly. Crews immediately deployed hose lines & utilized thermal imaging cameras to find the seat of the fire. Multiple interior crews worked towards completing a primary search of the home, locating the fire and salvaging the personal property prior to opening up the attic. MT161 was assigned ventilation group and completed vertical ventilation to aid in limiting the attic fire and removing smoke from the attic space. The fire was knocked down in approximately 15 minutes. The entire first alarm arrived within 8 minutes of the initial dispatch, helping keep the fire small. One cat was found and safely returned to the family.

The damage to the home was limited to the attic space and one room. Due to a quick response of the 1st alarm, further damage was mitigated. Red Cross was requested to assist with the displaced occupants. A fire investigator responded assist with cause and origin of the fire & is currently under investigation. Upland PD also responded and assisted with traffic control while crews operated on the fire ground.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with four Engines, one Truck, one Battalion Chief and a Fire Investigator. Rancho Cucamonga Fire assisted with station coverage while Upland crews were committed.

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