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Neighbor helps residents escape house fire unscathed

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Firefighters finish knocking down a structure fire that reportedly started in the garage of a home in the 14000 block of Moon Valley Street Tuesday morning. [Kevin Trudgeon, Daily Press]

VICTORVILLE — Firefighters quickly knocked down a blaze here that fully engulfed the garage of a two-story home and forced residents inside to evacuate Tuesday morning.

Reported at 8:54 a.m., the blaze was a reported as a residential structure fire in the 14000 block of Moon Valley Street, according to **San Bernardino County Fire Department** Battalion Chief Bobby Cox. Ten residents were ultimately displaced by the fire, but no one was injured.

“In the notes it said there was a car fire in the garage,” Cox said. “On the way here they said there were reports of people trapped, that somebody might still be in the car and that there was a woman in the house, so we upped the response, added a couple ambulance and another engine.”

A neighbor, who only wanted to be identified by his last name, Alfaro, was working in the backyard of a home across the street when he said he heard what sounded like breaking glass.

“It sounded like somebody was playing with bottles and when I came out front I saw smoke and flames coming from the garage,” Alfaro said. “I ran across the street to see if anyone was inside and somebody said there were kids in the house, so I went into the backyard and saw a door open and went inside.”

Alfaro said he found a woman downstairs who told him that her daughter and children were still upstairs and he ran up to warn them.

“I went up there and this lady was carrying a baby and I told her to get out, the house was on fire,” Alfaro said. “And we found the other kid, he was probably 4 or 5, and we all got out through the backyard.”

Cox said everyone was out of the home by the time emergency personnel arrived and the fire, which blackened the front of the home and appeared to reach a second-story room above the garage, was officially knocked down by 9:36 a.m.

Jorge Pineda, 54, who lives down the street from the home said he heard what sounded like explosions coming from the garage before firefighters arrived to battle the blaze. A fire investigator with County Fire responded to the scene at 9:40 p.m.

No injuries were reported, according to Cox, but the Red Cross was requested to assist two adults and eight children displaced by the blaze.

A total of five engines, a truck company, a squad company and a battalion chief responded to the fire, along with two ambulances and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputies.

"There's slight damage to the interior of the home," Cox said. "The cause of the fire is under investigation, we still have to remove some stuff for (the investigator) to look into it."

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Helicopter rescue for injured hiker at Castle Rock near Big Bear

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On August 28, 2017, Anna Ray Hannah, 60, of Texas was hiking in the Big Bear area at Castle Rock. While hiking, she fell and sustained a non-life threatening injury. She was unable to hike out of the area and called 911 for help.

Big Bear Fire personnel arrived at the scene and began hiking to her. Fire personnel were assisted by Sheriff's patrol helicopter 40K5.

The crew of 40K5, Deputies Paul Kowalski and Derrick Alatorre, located the injured hiker and guided medical personnel to her. Medical personnel assessed the victim and decided a hoist rescue would be appropriate due to the victim's injuries, steep terrain, and distance to a roadway. Air Rescue 307 responded with a crew of Pilot Corporal Jon Anderson, Crew Chief Deputy Chris Mejia, Fire Captain Mark Murphy and Fire Fighter/ Paramedic Eric Sherwin.

The air crew coordinated with ground crews for the rescue. Sherwin was hoisted down about 100' to the injured hiker who was surrounded by large boulders and trees. He assessed the patient and placed her in a rescue harness. The hiker was then hoisted to the helicopter followed by Sherwin.

The injured hiker was transported to the Big Bear Airport where she was transported by ground to Bear Valley Community Hospital for treatment.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/helicopter-rescue-for-injured-hiker-at-castle-rock-near-big/article_aab3bef2-8ce8-11e7-8b25-c39c6d251524.html

Man found dead in Upland truck fire

Stephen Ramirez, San Gabriel Valley Tribune

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A man was found dead in the bed of a truck that was on fire early Monday in Upland, the San Bernardino County coroner said.

The Upland Police Department said, while its investigation is ongoing, they do not suspect foul play.

The man, whose name isn't being released until after his family is notified, was discovered about 1 a.m. by **San Bernardino County firefighters** who were putting out the vehicle fire on Dewey Way near West Foothill Boulevard. He was pronounced dead five minutes later.

<http://www.dailybulletin.com/2017/08/29/man-found-dead-in-truck-on-fire-in-upland/>