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HOUSE FIRE THREATENS HOMES

Date/Time: **January 30, 2014 / 04:43 AM**
Location: **10800 block of Villa, City of Adelanto**
Incident: **Structure Fire**

Summary: Early this morning, the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a reported house on fire in the 10800 block of Villa Street in the City of Adelanto. A large amount of fire and smoke was reported from several blocks away. The first in engine found a single story home fully involved with fire, with fire burning through the roof.

Due to the heavy fire and moderate winds creating a fire danger to the nearby homes, a second alarm was started to bring a total of 8 engine companies, two trucks and two battalion chiefs to the scene. Engine companies encountered a bed ridden person in the home next door which became a priority for firefighters to protect the home and rescue that individual. An aggressive attack using hose lines and the Deck Gun Monitor were used to combat the fire. The Deck Gun is a large nozzle attached to the top of the fire engine which flows 1,000 gallons per minute, typically needed when we have a large volume of fire as we had in this structure fire.

Fire spread to the adjacent home's fence and was quickly extinguished which removed the threat to the reported bed ridden person next door. Crews had to force through the backyard gates to access the rear of the home which had poor visibility due to the downwind smoke conditions. Those firefighters encountered large piles of leaves and trash which had accumulated on the side of the house. Those piles could have become additional flammable hazards that may spread the fire.

No injuries reported to the public or firefighters at the scene. A fire investigator was requested to the scene and the fire is still under investigation. The home was a total loss valued at approximately \$130,000. Several thousands of dollars were estimated to the damaged fence and downwind property.

Safety Message: San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds you to keep leaves, dead brush, trash and any combustibles or flammables clear from the exterior of your home. Old paint or unused paint can be brought to your local Household Hazardous Waste facilities through your local fire department.

Fire and disaster preparedness information can be found at www.sbcfire.org.