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ORO GRANDE FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Date/Time: Monday, September 24, 2012, 11:06 A.M.
Location: Walton Road x 1st Avenue, Oro Grande
Incident: 2nd Alarm Structure Fire

Summary: Shortly after 11:00 this morning, units from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in Oro Grande. Additional reports revealed heavy black smoke that was visible throughout the Victor Valley as well as multiple explosions from the site of the fire.

First fire units arrived on scene eleven minutes after dispatch to find a single-story, single-family dwelling well-involved with fire. The fire had extended to numerous debris piles, vehicles, and outbuildings on site of the property.

A primary search confirmed that all structures were abandoned. There were no hydrants in the area which hampered fire fighting efforts. A second alarm was requested to assist with water supply and suppression activities.

An aggressive attack by crews under high heat, gusty winds, and low humidity enabled firefighters to save multiple additional vehicles, boats, personal water craft, tractor equipment, and contained the fire to the property of origin.

It took 38 firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire and Apple Valley Fire Protection District forty-five minutes to contain the blaze.

Losses include the primary residence, two outbuildings, and three vehicles.

The cause of the fire was determined to be a gas leak from a faulty generator that was being used to power equipment on the property. Further investigation revealed the land was being used to restore automobiles.

There were no injuries to either civilians or firefighters. Damage estimates were unavailable.

Pictures are available on www.sbcfire.org.

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