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## **Mobile Home Destroyed by Fire, Commercial Property Saved**

An early morning fire in Fontana destroyed a single-wide manufactured home but firefighters were able to save valuable pallets and other property in the commercial yard. The fire in the 10700 block of Live Oak Avenue in the City of Fontana was reported on January 8 at 3:00 a.m. San Bernardino County Firefighters were on scene in minutes and found the mobile home already consumed by fire. The structure was a residence for two individuals who were displaced due to the extensive damage.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the mobile home and kept it from spreading to the valuable pallets which were manufactured on the commercial property. Also spared was a tractor-trailer parked nearby. This was no small feat when considering that the winds were gusting near 30 mph at the time. Had the fire gotten established in the pallets, containing the incident to one lot would have been a challenge.

Twenty county firefighters responded to the incident. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. The American Red Cross assisted the displaced residents.

San Bernardino County Fire Investigators determined the fire was caused by an electrical short in the wall of the home. The mobile home was a complete loss, with damage estimated at over \$9,000.

The residents were awoken by the smell of smoke and were able to safely evacuate before the blaze consumed the home. It is unknown if there were any working smoke detectors in the home. San Bernardino County Fire reminds citizens to have working smoke detectors in their home and test them routinely. Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home and a working smoke alarm can reduce one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly a half. To learn more about fire alarms and escape route planning, visit our website at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

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