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Vegetation Fire Damages Residence

Date/Time: **Sunday, September 30, 2012, 3:27 p.m.**
Location: **Warwick Street x/ Second Avenue, Victorville**
Incident: **Vegetation & Structure Fire**

Summary: This afternoon at 3:27 p.m., units from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a reported vegetation fire in the front and side yards of a residence with heavy over grown vegetation.

First arriving County firefighters found numerous trees and thick shrubs surrounding the residence well involved in fire. Due to the close proximity of the burning vegetation, the fire spread quickly into the attic of a single-story, single-family dwelling; damaging over 70% of the residence.

An aggressive fire attack by firefighters attacking both the vegetation and the involved residence prevented the fire from spreading to two nearby homes.

It took 21 firefighters from the San Bernardino County Fire Department and Apple Valley Fire Protection District 25 minutes to contain the blaze. The owner of the residence sustained minor burns while attempting to take fire suppression actions. He was treated and released at the scene. A juvenile escaped the fire unharmed.

The cause of the fire is suspicious in nature and remains under investigation by the San Bernardino County Fire Department Investigators.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds homeowners of the importance of having defensible space around their homes. For more information on what homeowners can do to protect their homes, go to http://sbcfire.org/fire_prevention_advice.aspx.

Photos are available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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