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TWENTYNINE PALMS — **San Bernardino county firefighters** will conduct live fire training here starting Monday, April 24.

Firefighters will conduct live fire training burns of abandoned structures throughout the week ending at sundown Friday, April 28.

Residents may see columns of smoke each day and should not be alarmed as it is all a “controlled” process for the fire department to teach its 40 new trainees who are part of the recent new hire recruit training “Tower 8.”

Training will consist of actual structural fires where trainees, under the guidance of the Tower’s training cadre members, will learn behavior of fire as well as the newest ways of controlling fire.

Trainee will see first-hand how structures burn. They will enter structures to extinguish and control the fire’s path.

This unique training lets trainees get up close with how operations work on the fire ground and what they may encounter once they have completed their demanding 16-week training “Tower.”

Due to the training and having multiple pieces of fire apparatus in the area, several streets will be closed during the week for the safety of the firefighters working on the training grounds.

Streets affected are: Cholla Avenue, Smoketree Avenue, Yucca Avenue, and Tamarisk Avenue. These four streets will be closed from Twentynine Palms Highway to Cactus Drive. Fire department officials ask the public to take alternate routes should their day take them into these areas.

This training is being conducted in coordination with the City of Twentynine Palms and the Twentynine Palms Water District.

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Home a ‘complete loss’ after blaze Saturday evening

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BARSTOW — A blaze tore through a vacant home on Saturday evening, authorities said.

The fire occurred in the 220 block of E. Fredricks Street on Saturday evening and took firefighters three hours to extinguish. Despite firefighters’ best efforts, the home was deemed “a complete loss” from the blaze, according to Barstow Fire Protection District Interim Chief Jamie Williams.

Firefighters first responded after receiving reports of a vacant home fully engulfed in flames at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. BFPD firefighters, together with personnel from the Marine Corps Logistic Base, **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, and Newberry Springs Fire Department, worked on containing the flames, which took firefighters 45 minutes to control, Williams said.

The blaze was doused within three hours, but the home was completely destroyed by the flames.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation by the BFPD.

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