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Quick Fire Attack on Garage Saves Home

Date/Time: August 17, 2014, 4:06pmLocation:58000 Block of San Andreas Road, Yucca ValleyIncident:Residential Structure Fire

Summary: At 4:06pm Firefighter's from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire at the 58000 block of San Andreas Road in Yucca Valley, California.

First arriving units from the San Bernardino County Fire Department found heavy smoke and fire showing from a one car attached garage. Firefighters began an aggressive fire attack on the garage to prevent the spread of the fire to the single story home. All three of the residents escaped from the home after one of them noticed heavy dark smoke drifting by the office window. On escaping the home they called 911 and reported the fire.

The fire was stopped in the garage and did not spread to the home because of the aggressive fire attack from the fire crews. Three fire engines, two firefighter paramedic ambulances, and an investigator, totaling 13 fire personnel were assigned to the incident.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. The garage sustained approximately \$25,000.00 in structural damage and \$5,000.00 in content loss that included a vehicle. The home that was saved from the fire is valued at \$200,000.00. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the San Bernardino County Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshall.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind residents to never re-enter a burning structure, to have a working smoke detectors and to have a family escape and evacuation plan.

Courtesy photos can be located at <u>www.sbcfire.org</u> under latest news.

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