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TWO FIREFIGHTERS BURNED IN RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

Date/Time: Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:17 pm
Location: 14500 block of Crossing Trail Victorville, CA
Incident: Residential Structure Fire

This afternoon, the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to numerous reports of a house on fire in the 14500 block of Crossing Trail. The first engine arrived to find heavy smoke and fire erupting from the backside attic of a two-story 3000-square foot, single-family home.

During an aggressive interior attack, two firefighters received thermal burns. They were able to exit the building under their own power. The first firefighter received superficial burns to his face and neck, while the second suffered first and second degree burns to both hands. Both were transported to the regional burn center for evaluation of their injuries.

In all, eighteen County firefighters from the cities of Victorville, Hesperia, and Adelanto responded to the blaze which took approximately thirty minutes to control. Damage is estimated at \$200 thousand. The cause is being investigated by San Bernardino County's Office of the Fire Marshal.

There were no civilians injured. The Red Cross was requested for the displaced residents comprised of two adults and five children, all of whom were home at the time of the fire and were able to safely exit their home prior to the arrival of public safety personnel.

San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind its citizens that *it is never safe to enter a structure where there is a suspected or confirmed fire*. The best action is to safely evacuate and then call 911 from a location outside of the burning structure. No belongings are worth losing one's life.

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