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Firefighters Save Johnson Valley Home

Date/Time:5/8/14 2:00 PM

Location: 5200 Block of Dust Mile, Johnson Valley

Incident: Residential Structure Fire

At approximately 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 8th 2014, firefighters from Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree responded to a single report of smoke and flames from a second story home in Johnson Valley. The California Highway Patrol arrived on scene and confirmed that there were smoke and flames from the residence with possible animals trapped inside.

San Bernardino County Fire Department units arrived on scene and immediately began a direct interior attack on the fire. Fire Department personnel were able to locate 5 dogs, 3 of which were inside the structure. With aggressive attack, the fire was held to a small portion of the home resulting in damage to the kitchen, hallway, and laundry room. All residents and animals were safely evacuated from the home without any injuries. It took 3 engines, 2 ambulances, and 1 battalion chief to safely extinguish the fire in approximately 15 minutes.

A San Bernardino County Fire Investigator responded to the scene and the cause of the fire is currently under investigation. The monetary loss associated with the fire was estimated at approximately \$20,000 dollars with the remaining portion of the 3000 square foot home left with only minor smoke damage.

Safety Message

Firefighters would like to remind residents to have working smoke alarms inside their residents and to consider pet doors to allow animals to exit the structure on their own in case of emergency.

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