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Zurich Fire Destroys Home, Burns 14.8 Acres

Date/Time: August 29, 2020, 2:19 p.m.
Location: 23800 Block of Zurich, Crestline
Incident: Structure Fire with Spread to Vegetation

Summary: On Saturday at 2:19 p.m., San Bernardino County Fire (SBCoFD) Crews were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 23800 block of Zurich Dr in Crestline.

Due to the proximity to State Responsibility Area (SRA) & the San Bernardino National Forest, a full response from Cal-Fire and the USFS was also started, including aircraft.

ME25 arrived on-scene within six minutes to find a multi-story home well involved with extension to nearby vegetation. The fire had already spotted into receptive fuels and had burned 1/2 acre upon arrival. Arriving crews worked on limiting the vegetation fire and suppressing the well involved fire in the multi-story home. SBCoFD and Cal-Fire BDU entered Unified Command due to the vegetation fire burning in SRA lands and threatening homes.

The Unified Commanders coordinated a structure fire, vegetation fire, road closures and resource ordering. Arriving air attack, helicopters and air tankers went to work, prioritizing building retardant line and suppressing the wildfire. Despite wind, dry fuels and high temperatures crews managed to stop the fire just shy of 15 acres. As of 9/1 the fire is now 100% contained. By 4:00 p.m., the forward rate of spread (FROS) was stopped, helicopters continued to work hotspots inside the fires' interior. Crews remained on-scene throughout the evening and into the next day working on mop-up, containment lines and hotspots. At the height of the fire more than 28 Engines and 115 personnel were on-scene.

The fire's cause and origin are under investigation by SBCoFD & Cal-Fire investigators. The home was severely damaged by the fire and is uninhabitable. Red Cross was requested to assist the displaced occupants.

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