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Flames rip through a house, burning it to the ground, Wednesday. 2) Capt. Daniel Stamps communicates with the crew members fighting a fire on Olympic Road in Joshua Tree Wednesday afternoon. [Photos by Aaron Comstock]

JOSHUA TREE — A fire whipped by the wind destroyed a family's house in the 7100 block of Olympic Road Wednesday evening.

Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle from the **county Fire** Department said the fire was reported at 6 p.m. and engines from Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Yucca Mesa and Twentynine Palms responded.

“When they got there, the house was fully involved in flames,” Tuttle said. “There was fire coming out of all four sides of the house.”

The first engine crew on the scene made an aggressive attack, and firefighters had the flames knocked down in less than 20 minutes, according to Tuttle.

The occupants of the house, a woman, her adult son and his three teenage boys, all got out safely along with their dog.

The fire started in the garage. “The resident was working on his car in the garage and somehow it caught on fire. The fire spread to the garage and then the house,” Tuttle said.

“I believe the wind was a factor in spreading the fire, causing it to grow so rapidly,” he added.

The house was completely destroyed and the Red Cross was called to the scene to help the family find lodging for the night

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Joshua Tree Family Homeless After Wind- Driven Fire

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A Joshua Tree family is homeless after a fire Wednesday evening. According to **County Fire** Battalion Chief Scott Tuttle, firefighters from Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, and Twentynine Palms were called at 6 p.m. to the structure fire in the 7100 block of Olympic Road. The house was fully involved with flames when firefighters arrived. Smoke from the fire could be seen from Yucca Valley to Twentynine Palms. Tuttle said the resident of the house was working on a vehicle in the garage when it caught on fire. Due to the strong winds, the fire quickly spread throughout the house. All the residents and their two dogs got out of the house safely and there were no injuries. Firefighters started an aggressive attack on the blaze and had it knocked down in less than 20 minutes. The house and two vehicles are a total loss.

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