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## Fire destroys abandoned house in Fontana on April 13

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A fire destroyed an abandoned house in western Fontana on April 13. (Contributed photo by Mike Myers)

A fire destroyed an abandoned house in western Fontana on April 13, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

No persons were injured due to the blaze, which started at about 4:39 p.m. on Foothill Boulevard near Banana Avenue.

The fire burned a power line and threatened a nearby home, but firefighters quickly knocked down the fire in about 20 minutes before it could spread.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation.

[http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-destroys-abandoned-house-in-fontana-on-april/article\\_5f3aeca8-2216-11e7-a01b-5742a58e09e6.html](http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-destroys-abandoned-house-in-fontana-on-april/article_5f3aeca8-2216-11e7-a01b-5742a58e09e6.html)

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## Fire damages Needles motel: 20 rooms destroyed, but no one injured in Saturday blaze

Robin Richards, Needles Desert Star

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The east wing of the America's Best Value Inn in Needles sits heavily damaged by fire, smoke and water Saturday morning. No guests were injured; the fire claimed about 20 units and did an estimated \$750,000 in damage. Picture: Robin Richards

**NEEDLES** — Guests and staff at the America's Best Value in Needles escaped a massive fire Saturday that damaged more than 20 units, causing an estimated \$750,000 in damage.

The property manager was evaluated for smoke inhalation by Baker Ambulance technicians at the scene, but no other injuries to civilians or emergency responders were noted.

The two-story motel is at the East Broadway interchange with Interstate 40, across the street from the new **San Bernardino County Fire Station**. Chief Mike Snow, incident commander, reported that a passing postal worker noted the blaze a few minutes after 8 a.m. and went directly to the station with the news. Fire fighters self-dispatched, he said; within five minutes, responders were pouring water on the flames.

The size of the blaze required an upgrade to a second alarm fire with additional resources responding from Mohave Valley, Fort Mohave, Fort Mohave Mesa, Bullhead City and Lake Havasu City, for a total of five engines, two trucks and 29 firefighters. Together, they gained control of the blaze in about an hour and half, though the chief reported personnel would remain on the scene until mid-afternoon in case any additional extinguishment was needed and to allow the county fire inspector to complete his tasks in determining a cause.

There was no problem with water or hydrants, Snow reported.

Though the fire remains under investigation, Snow said he was fairly confident it began on the second floor near Unit 214, about in the middle of the east wing of the structure. Twelve units upstairs suffered fire, smoke and water damage; 11 units downstairs were damaged by water. The roof of the motel was destroyed.

[http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/fire-damages-needles-motel-rooms-destroyed-but-no-one-injured/article\\_3a11f85e-2275-11e7-bbc2-1b20c4440b1b.html](http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/fire-damages-needles-motel-rooms-destroyed-but-no-one-injured/article_3a11f85e-2275-11e7-bbc2-1b20c4440b1b.html)

## Fire Engulfs Home Hit by Third Tragedy in Six Months

Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News Group

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Photo Courtesy: Jeremy Zuccaro

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) A house that has been no stranger to recent tragedies caught fire Easter Sunday.

Around 8:15 p.m. firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** battled a blaze that tore through the now vacant house.

The house sits on the corner of Heartsease Lane on the 16500 block of Yucca Avenue in Victorville.

The definition of Heartsease is “peace of mind,” which couldn’t be farthest from the truth for those living in and around the home the last six months.

On November 21, 2016, Raymond Dominguez was pinned by a Ford Flex as he slept in his bed in the same home.

While in the hospital Dominguez learned he lost all of his belonging’s and children’s belongings when the house caught fire five days later on November 26th.

Dominguez was recently released from the hospital nearly 5 months later from traumatic injuries sustained during the initial incident.

The home has since been vacant and was unoccupied during tonight’s fire.

It’s unclear how the fire was started at this time.

<http://www.vvng.com/fire-engulfs-home-hit-third-tragedy-six-months/>

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## 2 Injured in Rollover Crash on Northbound I-15 Freeway

Hugo C Valdez, Victor Valley News Group

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A CHP Officer investigating around the scene of the rollover crash. (Gabriel D. Espinoza, Victor Valley News)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) Two people involved in a rollover crash were transported to a local hospital Sunday night.

At 7:52 p.m. the California Highway Patrol and **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to a single-vehicle rollover crash on the northbound I-15 freeway near te US Highway 395 offramp.

According to CHP incident logs, the vehicle swerved into the emergency lane and overturned landing on its side approximately 100 feet from the roadway.

Two occupants of the vehicle were transported to Desert Valley Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The Victorville CHP division is investigating the cause of the collision.

<http://www.vvng.com/2-injured-rollover-crash-northbound-15-freeway/>

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## Moderate activity for first responders over Easter weekend

Chelsea Curtis, Havasu News

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Two-year-old Mayiah Kurner shows off her goggles at Rotary Park on Sunday afternoon. Chelsea Curtis/Today's News-Herald

Although the amount of public gatherings in Lake Havasu City seemed to have increased as families celebrated Easter with egg hunts and barbecues, first responders only experienced moderate activity during the holiday weekend.

“In my experience here, it hasn’t been a really busy holiday for us,” said Lake Havasu City Fire Battalion Chief Mike Quijada. “Everybody is happy and healthy, so far.”

Other than “the normal” medical calls, the fire department experienced a quiet weekend in Havasu, he added. In fact, the department was able to lend a ladder truck and battalion chief to a neighboring city almost 45 miles away.

According to Quijada, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** requested assistance from multiple agencies Saturday morning, including the Lake Havasu City Fire Department, after a two-story hotel caught fire in Needles, California. It’s unknown what caused the fire, he added.

“It was the first time since I’ve been here that we’ve sent them a fire truck,” Quijada said. The crew was there in Needles for three hours, he added.

Sgt. Frank Hayden of the Lake Havasu City Police Department said police also experienced a relatively quiet weekend.

On Saturday, the police responded to reports of a possible bomb in the mail after a mailbox “blew up,” he said. After investigating the scene, they were able to determine that someone had put a large firework in the mailbox, however, they have not caught the person responsible, he said.

“Other than that, there were a couple of warrant arrests, but that was about it” said Hayden.

[http://www.havasunews.com/news/moderate-activity-for-first-responders-over-easter-weekend/article\\_51286c88-2330-11e7-a240-67bbf8efa040.html](http://www.havasunews.com/news/moderate-activity-for-first-responders-over-easter-weekend/article_51286c88-2330-11e7-a240-67bbf8efa040.html)

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## **Firefighters extinguish vacant house fire Sunday night in Victorville**

**Jose Quintero, Daily Press**

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VICTORVILLE — Firefighters acted quickly Sunday night to keep a house fire from spreading to nearby structures, fire officials said.

**San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel responded to reports of an attic fire a little after 8 p.m. in the 15500 block of Heartsease Lane, according to spokesman Eric Sherwin.

Firefighters arrived on scene and found the home fully involved in flames with “exposures to the north,” Sherwin said.

“We responded with three engines, a truck and a squad,” Sherwin said. “There were able to handle the fire pretty quickly and knocked the fire down on the main floor in approximately 15 minutes. Everyone was cleared at about 10:45 p.m.”

Firefighters determined the house was vacant after a secondary search and no injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

<http://www.vvdailynews.com/news/20170417/firefighters-extinguish-vacant-house-fire-sunday-night-in-victorville>