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## **Home Burns in Landers**

Date/Time: 19 August 2012, 8:02 a.m.

**Location:** 61000 Block of Leslie Lane, Landers

**Incident:** Residential Structure Fire

**Summary:** At 8:02 a.m. on Sunday, August 19th, San Bernardino County Fire was dispatched to a reported residential structure fire in the 61000 block of Leslie Lane in Landers. Upon arrival at 8:16 a.m., units were confronted with a fully involved home and several debris piles, along with one motor home.

Forced entry was made through several gates to gain access to the fire. During the incident, an electrical service drop to the residence fell, posing a life hazard to firefighters. SCE was contacted to disconnect the service so firefighters could continue to battle the blaze in high temperatures for an hour and half before bring the flames under control. Eleven units were assigned to this incident with fourteen personnel.

No injuries were reported to civilian or firefighters; however, a family pet lost its life during the blaze. Four others were rescued and placed with San Bernardino County Animal Control.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County fire investigators, but is believed to be accidental. The home and motor home are a complete loss. The fire loss to the structure and its contents are estimated at over \$55,000.

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