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Two Story House Fire in Fontana

Date/Time: **April 19, 2016 / 5:30 PM**
Location: **16200 Block - Pine Ave., Fontana**
Incident: **Residential Structure Fire**

Summary: On Wednesday evening, San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to multiple reports of a residential structure fire on the 16200 block of Pine Ave. in Fontana.

The first unit arrived on scene approximately five minutes after dispatch to find heavy smoke and fire coming from an open garage door with flames extending to the second story roofline. With other units arriving just moments later, firefighters began an aggressive attack. The attack was made especially challenging as high winds in the area were pushing heat in flames toward a neighboring home. Firefighters deployed additional hose lines to keep the fire from spreading to the other home.

Interior crews were assigned to search the home for victims and fight fire that had burned through to exterior walls and into the second story attic. Fortunately, no civilians were inside the home.

It took 40 minutes for firefighters to get the fire under control. No civilians were injured. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries. One firefighter was treated on scene and returned to work, the other was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Damage to home was estimate to be \$300,000. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Safety Message: The San Bernardino County Fire Department encourages residents to have an escape plan in place in the event of a house fire. Review the plan regularly with all occupants of the home. Being prepared saves lives!

For photos of this incident please visit our website at www.sbcfire.org

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