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Firefighters Respond To Fatal Fire In Twentynine Palms

Date/Time: February 21, 2019

Location: 70,000 block of Indian Trail, Twentynine Palms

Incident: Residential Structure Fire #19-037543

Summary: Late last night, San Bernardino County Fire received multiple reports of a residential structure fire in the City of Twentynine Palms. Initial reports were not able to give an exact location or address. While enroute a large glow could be seen from several blocks out. ME44 and Brush Patrol 45 arrived and reported heavy fire conditions, fully involved with fire through the roof on a 1000 square foot single story structure. A defensive attack was established with multiple hose lines. No water source in the area required the use of tank water from several engines along with a water shuttle operation. Firefighters had the fire knocked down in approximately 20 minutes. Firefighters had to then force entry to initiate salvage operations and conduct a primary search. Once inside a single adult male was found deceased. The sheriff's department as well as county investigators were requested to the scene. There were no injuries to firefighters reported.

Three engines, one brush patrol, one chief officer, and two investigators totaling 14 personnel responded. Combat Center Fire assisted.

The home was determined to be a complete loss. The cause of the fire and fatality is under investigation by County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal and sheriff's department.

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