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### ATTIC FIRE DAMAGES HOME IN FONTANA

**Date/Time:** May 18, 2013 6:56 PM  
**Location:** 15800 Block Athol Street Fontana, CA  
**Incident:** Attic Fire

**Summary:** A fire in the attic of a home in Fontana caused major damage to the residence and displaced a family of five indefinitely.

At approximately 6:56 PM on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, San Bernardino County Fire dispatch center started receiving multiple reports of a fire in the attic of a house in the 15800 block of Athol St. in Fontana. First arriving fire units found heavy smoke coming from the attic vents of a house and a resident stating there may still be someone inside. Firefighters quickly entered the house to search for any possible victims and extinguish the fire. A resident was found at the back of the house, but quickly exited as soon he saw firefighters.

Inside, firefighters found a fire quickly moving through the attic and through a coordinated aggressive fire attack were able to contain the fire in 20 minutes. Due to the fire location and damage to residence, firefighters remained on scene for over two hours making sure the fire was completely out and trying to help salvage the residents' belongings.

One victim was assessed for smoke inhalation but not transported. No other injuries were reported.

Eighteen firefighters from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to the incident and were assisted by the Fontana Police Department for traffic and crowd control. The Red Cross was contacted to provide assistance to the displaced residents. The cause of the fire is being investigated by San Bernardino County Fire Department investigators.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department urges homeowners and residents to make sure their smoke detectors are working and to have a Home Pre-Fire Plan. If you have a fire or suspect you have a fire in your house, evacuate everyone immediately, meet at a predetermined meeting point away from the house, and call 911. Please do not try and extinguish the fire yourself! Visit [sbcfire.org](http://sbcfire.org) for more information on Residential Pre-Fire Plans.

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