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County Firefighters Structure Fire With Burn Victim in San Bernardino

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 1:33pm
Location: 400k block West 24th street San Bernardino
Incident: Residential Structure Fire #19-020228

Summary: Early this afternoon, San Bernardino County #Fire responded to reports of a possible structure fire with explosions at a residential home. While enroute additional reports were received stating there was a possible burn victim. The responding battalion chief requested a ground ambulance in addition to the first alarm assignment from the county. Medic engine 224 arrived in four minutes and reported light smoke coming from the front door of a residential home. One burn victim was contacted by firefighters outside the structure. Firefighters were quickly assigned to treat that adult male who was suffering from significant burn injuries to face and extremities. Crews entered the home and initiated an offensive fire attack. #Firefighters priorities were to search for any other potential victims and contain the fire. Quick knockdown of the fire was achieved with involvement limited to contents and no extension to the attic or other rooms of the home. Crews then transitioned to salvage and overhaul operations.

The fire was controlled in approximately ten minutes. One civilian was transported by ground ambulance to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center; no injuries to firefighters. Four engines, one truck company, one chief officer, and one investigator totaling 17 personnel from County Fire were assigned to the incident.

Damage estimates are still being evaluated. The initial cause appears to be a flash fire from flammable liquids being used during construction in the home.

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