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FIRE DAMAGES ABANDONED HOUSE

Date/Time: 1/24/14 11:30 a.m.
Location: 7700 Block Aspen Ave. Fontana
Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Summary: An incendiary fire in an abandoned house caused significant damage and caused one firefighter to be sent to the hospital for evaluation. The fire in the 7700 block of Aspen Ave. in Fontana was reported at 11:30 a.m. and the first arriving unit found heavy fire from an attached garage which quickly spread into the attic.

Firefighters combined an interior fire attack with vertical ventilation, or holes cut into the roof to remove heat and smoke, to confine the fire to the garage with some attic damage. Seventeen county firefighters had the incident under control within 15 minutes. Damage was estimated at \$80,000. The fire was determined to be of human origin although malicious intent could not be ascertained. A person was seen leaving the house after the start of the fire and anyone with information on this individual should call (800)47-ARSON to report it.

One firefighter was taken to the hospital for evaluation after experiencing a medical problem while fighting the fire. His condition was not available at time of this release. We encourage all homeowners to keep a close eye on vacant homes in their neighborhoods and report any suspicious activity to the police. Pictures are available at http://sbcfire.org/news_releases/default.aspx.