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Residential Fire in Abandoned Victorville Home

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 6:20 pm

Location: 13000 Block of Fordham Circle Incident: Fire in Abandoned Residence

Victorville, CA- At Approximately 6:20 pm, Firefighters from the San Bernardino County Fire Department from both Victorville and Hesperia stations responded to a reported residential structure fire in the 13000 block of Fordham Circle

in Victorville, California.

First arriving firefighters from the San Bernardino County Fire Department found heavy smoke and fire conditions coming from the rear of a single story abandoned home. The house next door was immediately threatened by the flames. Quick actions by Firefighters making an aggressive attack prevented the fire from spreading to the nearby home. Firefighter's continued to battle the well established fire on the interior of the structure including the entire attic space. Firefighter's on the roof cut ventilation holes as Firefighter's inside the residence extinguished the fire and conducted a search of the building for occupants in which none were found. 13 San Bernardino County Firefighters had the fire under control within 35 minutes.

There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. Several witnesses reported seeing trespassers fleeing from the home just prior to the fire. The cause of the fire however, remains under investigation by the San Bernardino County Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshal.

No damage estimates were available however; the fire destroyed a majority of the structure. San Bernardino County residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity in or around abandoned and boarded up structures by calling local law enforcement.