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APARTMENT FIRE DISPLACES FAMILY

Date/Time: **Monday, April 14, 2014, 3:18 p.m.**
Location: **1900 block of Clary Dr. in Needles, Ca.**
Incident: **Commercial Structure Fire**

Summary: At approximately 3:18 p.m., San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to reports of an apartment on fire in an 8 unit building on the 1900 block of Clary Drive in Needles, Ca.

Upon arrival less than 8 minutes after being dispatched, firefighters found a second story unit with fire in the kitchen and heavy smoke throughout the apartment. The building was evacuated with the help of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and checked the rest of the unit for fire extension including the attic space. The family that occupied the unit escaped without injury, although a resident of a nearby apartment was assessed for smoke inhalation.

San Bernardino County Fire Department responded with 2 Engines and a Patrol unit, assisted by Mohave Valley Fire Department which provided an Engine and a Battalion Chief, totaling 12 personnel.

The building valued at approximately \$480,000.00 was saved, however damage to the involved unit is estimated at \$20,000.00. The accidental cause of the fire was due to the occupant storing combustibles in the under-oven broiler, turning on the oven, and then leaving the apartment briefly.

One adult and two children that had been living in the apartment were displaced by the incident. They have been contacted by the American Red Cross for assistance with temporary housing and other needs.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind its residents to not leave fires unattended, including cooking fires.

Courtesy photos can be found at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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