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Victorville City House Fire Ruled Incendiary

On July 26, 2013 at 11:49 p.m. a first-alarm structure fire assignment was dispatched by the SB County Communications Center for a house fire in the 13900 block of Colt Ct. in the City of Victorville.

Upon arriving on scene three minutes after dispatch, the first-in engine found fire and smoke coming from an upstairs bedroom window of an approximately 2000 sq foot home. A quick attack was made on the fire along with the truck company going up on the roof to cut holes to ventilate the heat and toxic gases. It took San Bernardino County Fire units approximately 8 minutes to bring the fire under control. A thorough primary search was made during fire attack and it was found that no occupants were in the home and the occupancy was vacant of any furnishings or personal effects.

While in the overhaul stage of the fire, engine company officers determined that the fire seemed to have a suspicious origin; an investigator was called to the scene. That investigation led to a determination that the fire was an "incendiary caused fire"; further investigation is now being completed in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Dept Arson and Bomb Squad. A total of 5 County fire apparatus with 13 personnel responded to the fire from the City of Victorville.

During fire attack one San Bernardino County Firefighter was injured and subsequently was sent to a burn unit for further evaluation. No civilians were injured in the fire.

Safety Message: The San Bernardino County Fire Department asks all citizens to be vigilant in their neighborhoods of those coming and going from abandoned homes and notify the authorities to report any suspicious activity. If the public has any information related to this incident they are urged to contact our Fire Investigators at (909) 386-8440.