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## **Early Morning House Fire in Needles**

**Date/Time:** **November 12, 2015 – 5:41 A.M.**  
**Location:** **415 North “K” St., Needles, CA**  
**Incident:** **Residential Structure Fire**

**Summary:** Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire (SBCoFD) Station 31 in Needles along with units for surrounding agencies responded to a residential structure fire in Needles. Within 10 minutes of receiving the alarm, firefighters arrived on scene of the home to find heavy flames and smoke coming from the sides and through the roof of the structure. Firefighters from SBCoFD made an aggressive fire attack with assistance provided by Mohave Valley Fire Department and Fort Mohave Fire.

During the initial attack, firefighters performed a search for trapped victims. Fortunately, the home was empty. In all, it took approximately 20 minutes and 16 firefighters to extinguish the fire. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries during the operation. Both were treated and released.

The building may have been occupied by squatters at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Damage to the home was estimated to be \$40,000.

**Safety Message:** The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds the public to test smoke detectors every month and to replace batteries every six months at day light savings time.

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