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Firefighters douse a blaze that began when a car slammed into three vehicles parked outside a home in Spring Valley Lake Sunday. The home was 'significantly damaged' in the blaze. [PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT]

SPRING VALLEY LAKE —A fire sparked by a car crash burned a home here Sunday morning and left its residents displaced, authorities said.

The California Highway Patrol and the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department are investigating the incident, which happened at a home in the 13300 block of Riverview Drive shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday.

No one inside the home was injured, but a firefighter and the 28-year-old driver of a 2014 BMW both received minor injuries during the incident, which extensively damaged the home and burned through several vehicles parked outside, authorities said.

The crash occurred as the BMW approached Driftwood Drive heading west on Riverview Drive. CHP said the driver allowed the BMW to swerve out of the roadway and slam into a Chevrolet Corvette parked outside the home.

The BMW continued going forward and crashed into a Toyota Tacoma pickup truck and Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck also parked outside the home, CHP said. The BMW and the Toyota truck then caught fire.

County Fire said a large column of smoke was visible throughout the desert as units rushed to the home. The first unit arrived within five minutes and found the home "well involved" with flames. Firefighters were hampered by high winds in the area and the vehicles catching fire as crews worked to contain the blaze.

Firefighters were able to control blaze in about thirty minutes, County Fire said.

The driver of the BMW was able to get out of the car right after the crash. CHP said he suffered minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital for medical care, along with a firefighter. No one else was hurt.

Authorities said the home's occupants are "currently working with their insurance for temporary housing." A representative with the Spring Valley Lake Little League said the home's occupants, longtime league members, were staying at a hotel.

"They're a little overwhelmed with everything right now," the Little League rep said.

Authorities said damage estimates for the home are still being evaluated. The SVL Little League has created a GoFundMe account to help the family with any expenses in the meantime.

County Fire determined the crash was the initial cause of the fire, but the blaze remains under investigation. Further details weren't available Monday.

Alcohol or drugs are not believed to be a factor in the crash, which also remains under investigation.

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