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EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE CLAIMS TWO LIVES

Incident: Fatal Residential Structure Fire BDC: 16-109334
Date / Time: Saturday, December 24th, 2:58am
Location: 11100 block Redwood Ave Hesperia, CA

Hesperia, CA – At 2:58 a.m. this morning, San Bernardino County Fire responded to a report of a house on fire in the 11100 block of Redwood Ave in the city of Hesperia. 911 callers stated the inside of the house was on fire and that people were still inside the residence.

The first fire company on scene discovered an approximately 1400 square foot single-story residence with smoke pouring out of one side of the structure. Based on witness statements regarding occupants still inside, an additional ambulance for a total of two was assigned.

Firefighters forced entry through a security door at the front of the residence and engaged in an aggressive interior fire attack while conducting a primary search of the structure during which two adult victims were located and rescued from the blaze. Both were treated and transported by County Fire personnel to the closest emergency department where unfortunately they succumbed to their injuries.

During the rescue efforts, a coordinated offensive attack on the fire was launched which ultimately brought the fire under control in about thirty-five minutes.

Four engines, one truck company, two ambulances, two chief officers and an investigator from County Fire for a total of 22 personnel were assigned to the incident. No injuries to firefighters were reported, and damage estimates are still being compiled.

The cause of the fire remains under joint investigation between County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit.

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