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Firefighters Rescue Dog During House Fire

Date/Time: June 3, 2016 12:30 P.M.

Location: 17000 Block of Holly Avenue, Fontana CA

Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Summary:

Just before 12:30 p.m. today San Bernardino County Fire received reports of a structure fire in the 17000 block of Holly Ave. in the city of Fontana. Initial reports included smoke visible from the attic vents.

Medic Engine 72 arrived on scene 7 minutes after dispatch and reported a working fire in the attic space of a single story residential structure. Crews went into the attack mode and also performed a primary and secondary search for any potential occupants that may still be in the home. Both searches turned up clear as all occupants had evacuated prior to arrival of the first engine company. During the searches, firefighters found and rescued a dog that was in the garage. Subsequent arriving crews supported the fire attack and knocked the fire down in 19 minutes.

The owner was taking a nap in the front room when she was awoken by the fire in the attic. The owner alerted her son and exited the home to find heavy brown smoke coming out of the attic vents.

County Fire responded with 2 paramedic engines companies, 1 paramedic truck company, 2 paramedic squads, 1 battalion chief and 1 fire investigator for a total of 15 personnel. Rialto Fire Dept. assisted with one paramedic engine for a total of 3 personnel. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters and the cause is currently under investigation by the office of the fire marshal.

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