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Firefighters Battle Structure Fires in Needles

Date/Time: Saturday, June 13, 2015, 12:55 p.m.
Location: 200 block of "I" Street, Needles
Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Summary: San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to a 2nd alarm residential structure fire on the 200 block of "I" St. in Needles. The first engine arrived to find heavy smoke and fire erupting from the vacant single story, single-family home and spreading to two adjacent homes; a two-story home to the rear and a single-story home to the side of the burning residence.

Firefighters quickly began an aggressive attack to try and save the two adjacent homes. Hindered by live powerlines and low water pressure in the area, as well as temperatures reaching 115 degrees, the high humidity and erratic winds due to an incoming thunderstorm, firefighters were able to keep the fire contained to the three homes, and away from additional structures. Two of the homes were abandoned and filled with various furniture, debris and trash, making the homes extremely combustible. The third home was occupied, however the residents were not home at the time of the fire. All three homes are a complete loss.

In all, 16 firefighters from SBCoFire, Mojave Valley Fire and Ft. Mojave Fire were able to contain the fire within 50 minutes.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators. Anyone with information is asked to contact We-Tip at 800-47-ARSON (800-472-7766) or Dispatch at 909-356-3805.

Provide two means of escape from every room and make sure everyone knows where to meet after leaving the house. Develop and practice a fire escape plan for your household. Remember, never return to a burning building for any reason. Your belongings can be replaced – you can't!

Courtesy photos can be located at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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