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## **FIRE DESTROYS CRESTLINE RESIDENCE**

**Incident:** Residential Structure Fire BDC#: 16-108108  
**Date / Time:** Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 1:08am  
**Location:** 600 block Arbula Drive Crestline, CA

**Crestline, CA-** shortly after 1:00am this morning, San Bernardino County Fire responded to multiple 911 calls reporting a house on fire in the 600 block of Arbula Drive in the community of Crestline.

Firefighters arrived to discover a fully involved, multi-story, single family residence with fire already through the roof of the structure with ember cast threatening nearby residences. Based on these findings, a defensive attack was initiated with a focus on mitigating the exposure threat to a second home located uphill from the fire.

With stairways and surrounding decking already consumed by the blaze, firefighters were forced to rappel down a steep slope from the uphill access roads to gain access to the primary fire building. County firefighters successfully defended the second home located on Arth Drive which was threatened by radiant heat and embers being carried by the local winds estimated at 10 mph.

It took approximately 25 minutes to control the fire. The Arbula residence was destroyed. The Arth Drive home, which was occupied at the time, sustained damage to the decking and two windows. County Fire responded with four engines, one medic ambulance, a chief officer, investigator, and hand crew for a total of 26 personnel. CalFire sent three engines and a chief officer for the threat to the wildland which was comprised of a 50'x 50' spot fire and half a dozen pine trees.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. Damage estimates are still being compiled, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation by County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal.

County Fire reminds residents to never leave candles lit in unattended rooms. For more safety tips, please visit [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

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