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## **Quick Action by Firefighters Averts Major Fire Incident**

Quick action by the San Bernardino County Fire Department averted a major fire that was being driven by the Santa Ana Wind condition. The fire was first reported at approximately 2:15 p.m. on January 8 as a structure fire in the back yard of a residence in the 9700 Block of Redwood Ave., in the City of Fontana.

When firefighters arrived on scene, they were confronted with a fast moving fire that had already involved an outbuilding and 8 vehicles, including a bus. The intensity of the strong Santa Ana winds were threatening to spread the fire to a manufactured building and several other vehicles.

It took approximately 20 minutes for 25 San Bernardino County Firefighters to control the fire. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

Investigators determined the fire was started when a tenant began stoking a warming fire in a U.S. Army tent stove releasing embers that spread to the nearby outbuilding.

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