



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **VICTORVILLE HOUSE FIRE QUICKLY CONTAINED**

On April 11, 2013, San Bernardino County Fire Department received a 911 call from a homeowner on Meseta Road stating his garage was on fire. Minutes later, four Paramedic Engines, one Paramedic Ladder Truck, and one Battalion Chief arrived to find large amounts of smoke issuing from the garage area.

The homeowners stated that they could smell a slight odor of smoke inside the home and as they checked the garage area they found a large fire burning inside. One occupant attempted to go back inside the home and put the fire out with a fire extinguisher from his vehicle, but found it to be ineffective due to the size of the flames and toxic smoke. They were able to escape with their two dogs unharmed, and the fire crew was able to confine the fire to the garage area with minor damage to drywall in the kitchen.

Seventeen fire personnel responded to the blaze, and there were no injuries to report. Red Cross assisted both occupants along with their two dogs that were displaced by the fire. The fire cause is under investigation at the time of this report.

**Safety Message:** If your home is on fire, please make sure everyone gets out immediately and call 911! Never attempt to re-enter the home, especially if there is smoke in any area of the residence as this can kill in seconds...well before the flames reach you. Once outside and it is safe to do so, turn your electrical main breaker off only if it is located outside and away from smoke and flames. Once the fire department arrives, inform them if everyone is out and where you last saw fire in the home.

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