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A home and several vehicles were fully involved with flames when firefighters arrived at a fire in the 56200 block of Lilac Avenue in Landers Tuesday night. San Bernardino County Fire photo

Two unrelated home fires lit up the Morongo Basin last night.

First, a Landers home that appeared to be inhabited by squatters caught fire shortly before midnight. Fire crews responded to a structure fire in the 56200 block of Lilac Avenue to find heavy smoke and flames from a single-story home, an RV, and multiple cars that were also on fire. The fire was knocked down in approximately 20 minutes and fire crews did not find anyone in the home.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

There was also a structure fire in Joshua Tree early this morning. Just before 5 a.m., fire crews were called to the 62500 block of Sunny Sands for a home and vehicle well involved in flames. County Fire Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said the occupants said the fire started in the living room. Fire crews were able to keep the blaze from spreading to a second home on the property; firefighters had the fire knocked down 15 minutes.

Fire crews are still investigating the cause of the second fire as well.

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San Bernardino County Fire Department issues evacuation warning for burn scar areas ahead of winter storm
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The San Bernardino County Fire Department has issued an evacuation warning for burn scar areas from the El Dorado Fire and the Apple Fire.

The warning is in response to a winter storm expected to hit the Inland Empire late Thursday night and into Friday morning.

Fire officials are concerned that heavy rain could cause flooding and debris flows in the neighborhoods in and near burn scar areas.

The warnings affect a handful of neighborhoods generally along Beaumont Avenue north of Oak Valley Parkway.

Today News Channel 3 will speak with residents and business owners impacted by the warning to learn what they're doing to prepare for evacuation in the event they are ordered to do so.

Catch the full story online later today and tonight on News Channel 3 at 5:00 and 6:00.