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Apple Valley Fire Protection District firefighters battle a blaze that broke out at a home in Apple Valley on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Rene Ray De La Cruz, The Daily Press

Several dogs were rescued, and no injuries were reported during a weekend house fire near the corner of Kenora and Okanagan roads in Apple Valley.

At approximately 7:53 p.m. Saturday, a total of 19 firefighters with the Apple Valley Fire Protection District and **San Bernardino County Fire** responded to the blaze, AVFD Fire Marshall/Battalion Chief Brian Pachman told the Daily Press Monday.

“The fire started at the rear of the home in an enclosed patio area,” said Pachman, who estimated the damage to the single-story home at \$440,000.

No one was home during the fire, however, two small dogs inside were rescued. An arriving family member took one dog to an emergency vet and that dog was later reported to be fine, Pachman said.

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Three other dogs, which were located in the backyard, were not injured during the fire, Pachman said.

Homeowner Jose Cid, 62, arrived at the scene with his wife, Ineva, and other family members while the home burned.

“We were out with family when somebody contacted us about fire,” Cid told the Daily Press. “We’ve lived here for 14 years and nothing like this has ever happened.”

At the scene, several firefighters accessed the sides, back and interior of the home while heavy smoke filled the neighborhood.

Several firefighters used chainsaws and other tools to vent a portion of the tile roof. At one point, one firefighter slipped and fell to a knee before standing back up.

After the firefighters descended, flames shot up through the roof as they continued to attack the fire until it was extinguished.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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