

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Two Alarm Fire Damages Multiple Homes**

Date/Time:10/06/2023, 8:47AMLocation:1900 block of N. Belle St, San BernardinoIncident:Two Alarm Structure Fire

## **Summary:**

This morning San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 1900 block of N. Belle St, San Bernardino. 911 callers stated a home on fire with people possibly trapped.

Firefighters arrived within four minutes of dispatch to find a single story home well involved with an additional home catching fire. Bystanders also stated two parties trapped inside one of the homes. Due to the fire involvement and potential victims a second alarm and an ambulance was immediately requested. Crews deployed on both homes, working to suppress the well involved home & mitigate exposure problem. Truck crews ascended to the roof to perform vertical ventilation on the home, working to lift smoke and heat. Heavy fire conditions, a steep pitch roof & barred windows complicated suppression efforts.

The fire was ultimately knocked down in approximately 30 minutes. All searches of both homes came up negative. One home sustained heavy damages. The other home received moderate damage, however firefighters successfully saved the home from damaging a majority living space. No injuries to firefighters or civilians were reported. One deceased cat was found inside the home. An emergency tear down procedure was started to tear down the structurally compromised home. The scene was turned over to San Bernardino Police and Code Enforcement. Three occupants were displaced by the fire. Red Cross was notified to assist those displaced.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 8 Engines, two Truck Companies, a Medic Squad, an Air/Light, four Chief Officers and two Investigators. American Medical Response (AMR) responded with one paramedic ambulance.



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