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County Firefighters Respond to Structure Fire in Hesperia, Rescue Three Dogs

Date/Time: 06/09/23, 7:43PM
Location: 18k block Valencia Court, City of Hesperia
Incident: Structure Fire

Summary:

#SBCoFD firefighters responded to reports of a possible fire at a residential home in Hesperia this evening. Upon arrival at the scene, firefighters observed light smoke emanating from the structure. Upon making access around the house a well established kitchen fire was found. As they entered the building, they encountered moderate smoke conditions. During the search and firefighting operations, firefighters discovered the presence of three dogs inside the home. Recognizing the immediate need for their safety, the firefighters rescued the dogs by safely evacuating them through a window to awaiting crews positioned on the exterior of the home. Significant damage was sustained to the kitchen and adjoining room, as well as smoke damage throughout the structure. Quick action by firefighters kept the fire from extending throughout the home and attic.

No injuries were sustained by the 3 animals that were rescued however after a secondary search one dog was found deceased near the fire. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. No occupants were at home at the time of the incident.

The County Fire Department responded to the incident with one battalion chief, three engines, and a truck. Additionally, the Victorville City Fire Department provided assistance with one engine.

Every household should have functioning smoke detectors installed. These devices serve as early warning systems, allowing residents to detect the presence of smoke or fire early on and take appropriate actions. Regularly testing and maintaining smoke detectors significantly enhance home safety and can save lives.