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County Firefighters Respond to Early Morning Structure Fire in Hesperia

Date/Time: 06/10/23, 1:10AM
Location: 11k block 5th Ave, City of Hesperia
Incident: Structure Fire

Summary:

[#SBCoFD](#) firefighters responded to an early morning emergency call reporting a structure fire in Hesperia. Upon arrival at the scene, firefighters were met with a challenging situation as heavy smoke and flames engulfed a single-story residential home.

As the fire crews gained access to the property, they discovered exposures to adjacent buildings, posing an additional threat to the safety of the surrounding area. Compounding the situation, the property was significantly overgrown, raising concerns about the potential spread of the fire to nearby brush and trees.

Firefighters promptly deployed lines to mitigate the exposure threat and suppress the fire that had extended into the nearby vegetation. By effectively addressing the exterior issues, they minimized the risk of further damage to neighboring structures and effectively prevented the fire from spreading beyond the original property.

After ensuring the safety of the immediate area, firefighters initiated a thorough search operation within the vacant home while simultaneously battling the intensifying flames. The interior of the property presented significant fire loading, exacerbating the hazardous conditions faced by the firefighting teams. In an effort to improve visibility and gain better control over the blaze, truck firefighters performed critical vertical ventilation operations from the roof.

Thanks to the coordinated efforts of the fire crews, the structure fire was successfully contained within the original property. The quick actions of the firefighters prevented the flames from spreading further and safeguarded the surrounding community from harm.

We are pleased to report that there were no injuries sustained by either civilians or firefighters during the course of this operation.

Firefighters managed to extinguish the fire within approximately 30 minutes, but remained on the scene for several hours to ensure overhaul operations were completed thoroughly. The incident is currently under investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

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

The County Fire District would like to take this opportunity to remind all community members about the importance of fire safety measures. It is crucial to maintain residential properties in a safe and fire-ready condition, including regular maintenance to eliminate excessive fire loading and the installation of functional smoke detectors. Additionally, we strongly encourage residents to develop and practice evacuation plans to ensure their own safety and that of their loved ones. We urge everyone to promptly report any fire hazards or concerns to the relevant authorities.