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Two Rescued from Joshua Tree Structure Fire

Date/Time: January 4, 2021, 9:53 a.m.
Location: La Verne/Love Ln, San Bernardino
Incident: Animal Rescue

Summary: This morning at 9:53, San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to assist San Bernardino Animal Control with a dog stuck in a drain. Local residents called and advised that the dog had been there overnight.

ME228 arrived to find a large husky stuck behind a drain opening. The dog had made access through a storm drain and eventually came to a small dead end. Attempts to have the dog back out were unsuccessful. No immediate or close access was found to easily rescue the dog. Rescue 72 (R72) was requested to assist with their specialized tools and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) trained personnel. R72, ME228 and San Bernardino Animal Control personnel worked together to form a plan to safely gain access and rescue the dog.

Personnel utilized concrete cutting saws, jack hammers, roto-hammer drills and hand tools to gain access. Crews provided fresh air to the dog via ventilation fan.

After about two hours the dog was rescued. Animal Service personnel did an assessment of the dog and it appeared to be uninjured. Animal Control Staff located the owner to arrange for pick up. By late afternoon Gray (the five-year old Husky) was reunited with her owner.

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