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Three Homes Damaged in Wind Driven Fire

This morning at 12:23 San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a report of a backyard on fire in the 10700 block of Tamarind Ave. Moments later residents called & said the fire had spread to a nearby home. A full structure response was requested.

Arriving crews found one home well involved with multiple exposures. A sustained wind of 20 MPH with gusts to 50 quickly spread the fire to the south. Due to the immediate exposures and high winds, a second and ultimately a third alarm were requested. Despite firefighters' best efforts, the wind fanned fire spread to a total of three homes, multiple properties and approximately 2 acres of vegetation.

Firefighters were successful in knocking down the fire within 90 minutes. They also managed to keep the fire from spreading to multiple nearby homes and vegetation. Once the fire was knocked down crews focused on mop-up to ensure the fire didn't cross containment lines. Crews remained on-scene for multiple hours working on overhaul.

At the height of the fire more than 40 firefighters battled the wind driven fire. The fire destroyed two homes and badly damaging a third. Red Cross was requested to assist displaced occupants with temporary living conditions.

SBCoFD Fire Investigators were able to track the fire's cause / origin to a nearby barrel that was used to burn wood. The non-permitted fire was left unattended, with winds sending embers to receptive fuels. The fire then quickly moved to nearby vegetation and homes. The investigation is on-going with fire investigators working with residents and 911 callers.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 10 Engines, 2 Trucks, 4 Chief Officers, a Medic Squad, a Air/Light unit and 2 Fire Investigators. Colton and Rialto also assisted, thanks to our cooperators for their help.

Incident: Three Alarm Structure Fire

Date / Time: 1/25/2021 12:23am

Location: 10700 block Tamarind Ave, Bloomington

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