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Residential Garage Fire

At approximately 11:50 p.m. November 27, a fire was reported by the homeowner in the 2000 block of Snead Drive. Passing citizens noticed the fire burning around a barbeque on the balcony of the residence and attempted to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. The occupant heard a loud popping noise, went out to find the fire extending to the roof and evacuated the residence. Fire crews made an aggressive search of the residence and attacked the fire from the interior, but were forced out of the structure due to the roof being in danger of collapsing. All firefighters and occupants were safely evacuated from the structure and minutes later, the roof collapsed. Fire crews moved to a defensive attack, fighting the fire from the exterior. Surrounding residences were threatened from flying embers landing on nearby rooftops. One resident of a nearby home was treated and transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation and difficulty breathing. No other injuries are reported.

All six on-duty crews, and one engine from Desert Hills fought the fire for approximately 120 minutes. One LHCFD engine was kept in service but was soon dispatched to a possible fire alarm at Havasu Regional Medical Center and then to a heart attack at a separate location.

The fire was called under control 120 minutes into the incident. Crews remained on the scene until early the next morning to ensure the fire did not rekindle and to assist with the investigation. Damages are estimated at $800,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time; however, investigators believe the fire started when the barbecue on the balcony ignited nearby combustible materials.

Contact: Call 855-1141 for further information.

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