## NORTHERN ARIZONA CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT #1



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 11/28/17 – ACCIDENTAL FIRE DESTROYS MOBILE & TRAILER

**KINGMAN** - An accidental fire destroyed an occupied single wide mobile and adjacent travel trailer in Birdland on Monday 11/27/17. The NACFD1 received a report of a structure fire at 5:23 PM and responded with the Fire Chief, a Battalion Chief, three engine companies; three pumper/tenders; one brush engine; and two support vehicles to the intersection Swan and Eagle. Upon arrival, Fire Chief Wayne Eder assumed overall command.

A total of 17 firefighters responded including eight (8) NACFD1 Volunteers. The following agencies provided support to the incident:

- Mohave County Sherriff's Office
- Unisource
- Mohave County Animal Control
- American Red Cross

The cause of the fire is being considered accidental, caused by a cooking device located near the mobile which ignited the home. High winds during the fire pushed the fire toward three neighboring homes, requiring a heavy response by NACFD1 resources. Firefighters were able to control the fire quickly and kept it from spreading to nearby homes. No injuries were report, however the families cat was severely burned and turned over to Animal Control. Two adults were displaced by the fire with the American Red Cross providing assistance. A large tree that had been damaged by the winds caused a serious safety concern and had to be removed by firefighters to prevent injury to responders.

Additional NACFD1 firefighters were able to staff one additional engine company to handle other emergencies in the district, while two engines on scene of the fire handled calls in nearby areas during the fire.

"Residents are cautioned regarding any open burning, including cooking and warming fires, particularly on windy days. Fire can spread rapidly and quickly grown out of control when fanned by desert winds." (Eder, 2017)

"This fire clearly demonstrated the importance of volunteer firefighters in supporting the limited staff of NACFD1. We are thankful each day for their dedication and support." (Eder, 2017)

For additional information, please contact Chief Eder at NACFD (928)757-3151.

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