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QUICK ATTACK BY FIREFIGHTERS SAVES HESPERIA HOME

Date/Time: Sunday, August 04, 2013 3:40p.m.
Location: 8300-block 5th Avenue Hesperia, CA
Incident: Residential Structure Fire

At 3:40pm this afternoon, San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to multiple reports of a residential structure fire in the 8300 block of 5th Avenue in the City of Hesperia.

Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department arrived on scene and reported a fast moving fire in a side yard and unattached garage that was threatening multiple residences.

Quick and coordinated suppression efforts by County Fire personnel stopped the fire in one side of the garage and contained the yard fire before it could spread to the main house or neighboring structures.

The family, which was not displaced due to the successful actions of firefighters, state that they were first alerted to the blaze when they smelled smoke from outside of their home.

One vehicle outside of the garage and numerous belongings piled next to the garage were destroyed. Damage is estimated at \$60,000.

There were no injuries to either civilians or firefighters. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind its residents that one of the easiest ways to prevent ground fires from reaching their homes is to ensure that all combustible materials are stored at least twenty feet away from structures. Commonly known as "ladder fuels," items such as woodpiles have the potential to carry grass fires up into family homes and other structures.

For more information on how to create a "Firesafe Home," please visit our newly redesigned website www.sbcfire.org, and click on Safety Preparedness.

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