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## **TEEN INJURED, FAMILY DISPLACED IN HESPERIA HOUSE FIRE**

On Saturday, April 09, at 0637, units from the San Bernardino County Fire Department were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 10300 block of Shangri-la Avenue in Hesperia. Firefighters arrived to find a single family residence with light smoke in the living room and kitchen.

The resident states that she awoke to the smell of smoke, went into the living room and heard crackling and popping sounds in the ceiling above the fireplace. She woke her five family members, evacuated, and called 911.

A sixteen-year-old female reportedly went back inside to change clothes when she was overcome by smoke and passed out. Family members helped the teen out of the house and waited for the arrival of firefighters.

The fire, believed to have started in the chimney the previous night, spread through the attic causing an estimated \$50,000 in damage.

The teenager was treated for smoke inhalation and transported to a local hospital in stable condition.

San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds people that when they smell the smoke in their house, the safest action is to evacuate first, call 911, and wait for firefighters to arrive. It is never safe to enter a house where you believe there may be a fire.

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