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### ***Elderly Man Dies in Fire***

Date/Time: December 24, 2012 / 2158 hrs.

Location: 17585 Sultana Ave., Hesperia

Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

*A late night fire at a health care facility claimed the life of an 80 year old man last night in Hesperia. Neighbors heard what they thought were explosions and found smoke coming from one of the apartments and tried unsuccessfully to alert the resident.*

*San Bernardino County Fire responded with 20 personnel and began their attack when they were advised that someone could possibly be inside. During their search they found the man who had already succumbed to the fire. The fire was brought under control in about 10 minutes.*

*The fire did approximately \$100,000 in damage to the building and contents. It was not determined if the apartment had a working smoke detector. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.*