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## **EARLY MORNING BLAZE DAMAGES HESPERIA HOME**

April 2 - Shortly after 6:00 am, firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in the 7800 block of Chase Avenue. Units arrived on scene to find a single-story, single family dwelling with smoke and flames showing from the outside.

The resident stated that he had returned home from work that morning, heard smoke alarms sounding, and encountered heavy smoke as he opened the front door. There were initial reports of a 19-year old male trapped in the residence, however firefighters performed a primary search under heavy fire conditions and did not locate anyone inside.

It took San Bernardino County Fire Department units from Hesperia and Victorville approximately 30 minutes to control the blaze that caused an estimated \$80,000 in damage.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.