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EARLY MORNING BLAZE DISPLACES WRIGHTWOOD FAMILY

Date/Time: Thursday, December 5, 2013 5:10 AM
Location: 5400 block Zurich Drive Wrightwood
Incident: Residential Structure Fire

Shortly after 05:00 this morning, San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a report of a residential structure fire in the 5400 block of Zurich Drive in the Town of Wrightwood.

First arriving units came on scene to find smoke and fire through the roof near the chimney of a 1200 square foot, single-family residence. A coordinated attack by firefighters took 50 minutes to knock down the blaze and held fire damage to the area of origin with extension to the garage. County Fire responded five engines, a brush patrol, paramedic ambulance, and chief officer for a total of eighteen personnel from the communities of Wrightwood, Phelan, Hesperia, Devore, and Baldy Mesa. CalFire also responded a single engine to the incident.

There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. Damage is estimated at \$50,000 and the cause is under investigation through County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal. Red Cross was requested to assist two adults and four children who were displaced by the fire. The occupants were awakened and alerted to the fire by neighbors.

County Fire would like to impress upon its residents the importance of having their chimneys inspected and maintained. Chimney fires can slowly burn long after the logs have burned down in the fireplace. Excessive build-up in flues can ignite or transfer heat into the walls with devastating results. For more information on chimney fires and holiday safety tips, please go to www.sbcfire.org.

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