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### **FIREFIGHTERS SAVE HOME IN 2-ALARM FIRE**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, July 20, 2013 08:31 a.m.  
**Location:** 14300 block Tioga Street Hesperia, CA  
**Incident:** Second Alarm Residential Structure Fire

**Summary:** Shortly after 08:30 a.m. this morning, the San Bernardino County Fire Department received a 911 call from a citizen reporting a structure fire in the 14300 block of Tioga Street in the City of Hesperia. First fire units on scene found heavy smoke coming from both the garage and attic space of a 3500 square foot, single-story, single-family home.

San Bernardino County firefighters were able to quickly locate, attack, and confine the fire to the attic space above the bedrooms in the residence. The fire was knocked down in 30 minutes. Firefighters also conducted extensive salvage operations protecting the home's furnishings and contents from further water damage through the use of tarps and plastic coverings.

The 911 call came from a contractor performing work on the residence who stated that he came to the home this morning and felt heat in one of the bedrooms and subsequently found one of the bedroom walls to be hot to the touch. He stated that he evacuated immediately and then called for help.

In all, eight engines, one truck company, two ambulances, and two chief officers responded to the fire which caused approximately \$150,000 in damage.

There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the San Bernardino County Fire Office of the Fire Marshall.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind its citizens to perform just as this contractor did when a suspected fire is discovered: Evacuate immediately, and then call 911 from outside of the house. If someone is unable to get out of the house due to physical impairment or is trapped by the fire, it is important to give that information to 911.

For more information on fire safety, please go to [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) and click on Safety Preparedness.

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