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## **SMOKE DETECTOR ALERTS FAMILY OF FIRE**

**Date/Time:** **June 10, 2013 / 2100 Hrs.**  
**Location:** **15100 Block of Brushy Meadow Ct., Victorville**  
**Incident:** **Residential Structure Fire**

A Victorville family was alerted of a fire in the garage of their home Monday evening by a smoke detector. The four adults and two children were able to escape prior to fire department arrival.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department responded with four engines, a truck and a Battalion Chief to find fire showing through the roof and eaves of the structure. They initiated a fire attack and were able to keep the fire confined to the garage area. The fire was brought under control in 15 minutes. The damage estimate was \$50,000. The cause of the fire appears to be electrical in nature.

According to the National Fire Protection Association more than 66 percent of home fire deaths occurred in homes without a working smoke alarm. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

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