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### Chimney Fire in Hesperia

**Date/Time:** November 12, 2013 @ 8:47 PM  
**Location:** 11000 Block of Hawthorne Avenue  
**Incident:** Chimney Fire

#### Summary:

*The San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in the City of Hesperia. The first of four companies arrived to find smoke coming from the structure surrounding the chimney. It was determined that the fire had started because of a compromised flue pipe from the Zero-Clearance fireplace installed in the home. The fire was brought under control in 15 minutes by the fourteen members of the San Bernardino County Fire Department. No firefighters were injured. Damage was confined to the chimney surround, making it possible for the resident to remain in their home.*

*The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like everyone to get your fireplace equipment inspected annually. Contact your local "Chimney Sweep" or fireplace retailer for information regarding these services. Maintenance of your homes' heating and cooling systems can reduce your utility bills, prevent deadly carbon monoxide leaks, and prevent fire damage from dirty or faulty flue pipes.*