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STRUCTURE FIRE FONTANA

Date/Time: March 6, 2013 4:34 p.m.
Location: 1600 block of Kempster Street, Fontana
Incident: Structure fire

Summary: At 4:34 p.m. a resident in the 1600 block of Kempster Street in Fontana reported smoke in her house to the County Communications Center. First arriving County Fire units from Fontana found indications of an active fire in the walls of the house in and around the fireplace area. Firefighters quickly placed tarps in and around the living room to protect the home's belongings as best as possible while opening up the walls around the fireplace exposing a well established fire that appeared to have escaped from the fireplace chimney. Fire damage was confined to the area around the fireplace with an estimated loss of approximately \$10,000 of the \$400,000 valued home. Sixteen firefighters on six units responded to the late afternoon blaze and had the fire contained in approximately 20 minutes.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds residents to keep a working smoke detector in your home and if you have a chimney, have it cleaned by a licensed chimney service.

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