

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS SQUASH HOTEL ROOM FIRE**

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 10:37AM Location: Springhill Suites Hotel 9625 Mariposa Road Hesperia, CA Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Late this morning, San Bernardino County Fire responded to a reported commercial structure fire at the Springhill Suites Hotel in Hesperia. Callers to 911 stated that there was black smoke visible as well as an alarm sounding.

The first unit arrived on scene and reported smoke coming from a second story window of the three story hotel. A second alarm was requested to reinforce the original units due to the size of the building and in anticipation of an expanding incident. Firefighters directed evacuations of approximately 20 guests and workers while working their way to the room of origin.

Firefighters accessed the hotel room and discovered an air conditioning unit as the source of the fire. It was quickly extinguished while additional personnel confirmed that there was no fire extension into the walls, ceiling, or adjacent rooms. Second-alarm resources were cancelled and returned to service.

One civilian suffered mild smoke inhalation and was treated and subsequently released on scene. There were no other injuries reported. Damage estimates are unavailable at this time.

The first alarm resources included four engines, one truck company, one medic ambulance, and a battalion chief.

While we are all familiar with exit drills in the home, San Bernardino County Fire asks that, while on vacation, you take a moment to familiarize yourself with hotel evacuation plans which are posted on the inside door of each room.

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