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An apartment is left charred after a fire on Thursday.

An apartment fire displaced a family of four from their home days before Christmas Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20, at the corner of Base Line and Valarie Drive.

The fire was first reported at 3:10 p.m. a large response from Highland, San Manuel and **San Bernardino County fire** departments had the fire out in about 20 minutes.

According to Liz Brown of Cal Fire Highland, the western-most apartment of a multi-unit structure was fully involved when fire crews arrived but they managed to limit fire damage to a single apartment. A second attached apartment received smoke damage.

The two alarm fire drew a response of 10 fire engines, three trucks from Highland, San Manuel Fire and San Bernardino County fire departments as well as two AMR units.

Jerlyn Harris and her three children live in the apartment and lost most of their possessions.

Much more could have been lost if not for Harris' 13-year-old daughter The'asia Newman who, upon seeing smoke in the front of the apartment, lead her two younger siblings to safety by helping them out a back window and pushing them over a block wall.

While cause of the fire is still under investigation witnesses suspect it was a Christmas tree fire.

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