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## County Firefighters Respond to Garage Fire in the City of Hesperia

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 12:54 pm 18k block Sutter Street, Hesperia CA Residential Structure Fire 20-162850

**Summary:** Shortly before one pm yesterday afternoon, San Bernardino County Fire responded to multiple reports of a fire in an attached garage of a residential home in the City of Hesperia. Medic Engine 302 arrived shortly after dispatch to find a well involved attached garage with fire extending into a single-story home. Firefighters deployed lines and initiated an exterior attack on the garage until additional units arrived to make entry. Contact was made with the occupants of the home which stated everybody had safely evacuated. As additional units arrived sufficient personnel were put in place to move into the structure to limit spread of the fire that had established itself in the attic. Truck crews went to the roof to aid interior firefighters in stopping that spread and improve the smoke conditions inside.

A primary and secondary search was all clear on the home. During those searches several reptile pets and a cat were found and returned to the family and children. A family dog was also secured to the rear of the home and given to awaiting kids out front.

Firefighters were able to stop the fire in the attic before it spread to the majority of the home. The garage sustained a total loss while only a portion of the living room / kitchen were significantly impacted with fire smoke and water damage. The majority of the remaining contents were saved. Knockdown of the fire was achieved in approximately 40 minutes. Due to resource commitments on the incident cover engines were brought up to maintain service from Fontana, San Bernardino City, and Devore.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. Three engines, one truck company, one chief officer, one medic ambulance, one investigator, and one medic squad totaling 18 personnel from County Fire were assigned to the incident. The cause remains under investigation by the office of the Fire Marshal.

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