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### **FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPES FROM HOUSE FIRE**

**Date/Time:** October 30, 2013 at 8:17 am  
**Location:** 11400 block of Cedar Ave. in Crestmore  
**Incident:** Family Narrowly Escapes From House Fire

This morning at 8:17 am, reports came into the San Bernardino County Fire Department that there was a house on fire on the 11400 block of Cedar Ave. in Crestmore. The first on-scene engine reported smoke coming from a single story, single family residential structure. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that a fire in the living area of the residence had been extinguished by citizens. They stated that they were able to see the smoke from their place of employment, across the street from the location. A mother was woken up by the smell of something burning, only to find a fire that was completely charging the house with super-heated gases and smoke. She quickly woke up her two young children and was able to get them to safety outside of the home. The quick actions of the citizens that saw the fire, kept the fire contained to the room of origin. They were able to extinguish the fire with multiple fire extinguishers and a garden hose.

In all 1 battalion chief, 3 paramedic engines, 1 paramedic truck, 2 paramedic squads and one fire investigator were dispatched to the scene. The site of origin was found to be a couch in the living area with an unknown cause of ignition. There were no reported injuries to responding personnel or to citizens.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind the public that this weekend is daylight savings time. Along with setting back your clocks, it is also a great time to remind yourself to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. For more information on smoke detectors and other safety tips please log onto [www.sbcifre.org](http://www.sbcifre.org)

