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Family Dog Perishes In Fire

Date/Time: December 4, 2012, 2100 hrs.

Location: 10329 Locust Ave, Hesperia

Incident: Residential Structure Fire

A structure fire in Hesperia claimed the life of a family's dog Tuesday evening. No one was home and the fire was reported by multiple neighbors reporting smoke and flames visible. First arriving units found the fire had already vented through the roof and began an aggressive attack.

During the primary search of the structure is when the firefighters discovered the family's pet. San Bernardino County Fire Department units from Hesperia and Victorville responded with 18 personnel and it took approximately 25 minutes to bring the fire under control. The fire did an estimated \$60,000 in damage. The fire is currently under investigation.

Winter is here and the San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind those with fireplaces to dispose of charcoal coals only after they are cool. Empty the coals into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid that is used only to collect coals. Place the container away from anything that can burn. Never empty coals directly into a trash can.