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(Photo credit San Bernardino County Fire)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — **San Bernardino County Firefighters** responded to a mobile home fire in Hesperia Wednesday morning.

At about 10:16 am, on April 22, 2020, fire crews were dispatched to a residential structure fire inside the High Chapparal Mobile Home Park in the 8400 block of G Avenue.

Medic Engine 302 arrived within 5 minutes and found smoke and fire showing from the rear portion of a doublewide mobile home.

Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said, crews immediately deployed hose lines to limit the fire spread & mitigate the exposure to nearby mobile homes.

"Once additional units arrived on scene, crews coordinated ventilation and an interior fire attack to suppress the fire. The fire was knocked down in approximately 15 minutes," stated McClintock.

Crews conducted a search of the mobile home and it came up clear.

McClintock said the mobile home was severely damaged by fire damage and is uninhabitable. No damage estimates were available at the time of the release.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with three engines, one truck, one medic squad, two chief officers, one ambulance and a fire investigator. Apple Valley Fire assisted with one engine.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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## S.B. County officials are investigating complaints regarding non-essential businesses which are staying open

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As the coronavirus crisis drags on, people who operate small businesses which are deemed "non-essential" in Fontana are faced with a horrible choice:

Should they shut down, causing possible financial ruin for themselves and their employees? Or should they disobey California's mandate and stay open, potentially contributing to a public health disaster?

Officials at the local and state levels say there really is no choice: these businesses must close their doors until further notice.

Nevertheless, the anguish is real for many business owners.

"Not everyone can afford to sit in their couches for two months and still be expected to pay the bills and afford groceries," an anonymous person told the Herald News.

A check of the Fontana area this past week revealed that some nail salons, car washes, tattoo shops, phone stores and other non-essential businesses continued to remain open.

In response, some San Bernardino County residents have asked county officials how they can report business owners who are failing to comply with the state's commands.

"If you believe a business or facility is violating the Health Officer Orders, please go to https://bit.ly/2Kl49Mx to complete a form that will give us the information needed to follow up and investigate or call the COVID-19 hotline at (909) 387-3911 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday," the county said in a news release.

"We hope to avoid penalties and instead rely on common sense and good judgment of business owners to act in the best interests of their employees and the community at large."

Since March 17, the county's Department of Public Health has sent more than 650 letters advising non-essential businesses to close or alter operations after receiving complaints about them operating in violation of health orders. Most of these businesses have complied with the orders, the county said.

For offenders who continue to willfully disregard the public health orders, complaints will be forwarded to the **S.B. County Fire Marshal** and Code Enforcement for follow-up investigations.

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