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## **High Speed Chase Ends With Vehicle Crashing Into Home**

**Date/Time:** October 14, 2013 at 1:05 p.m.

Location: 10500 block of Westway Rd. in Hesperia

**Incident:** High Speed Chase Ends With Crash into Occupied Home

At 1:05 p.m. the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident, reported to be a vehicle into a structure. The first arriving unit reported a full size van had collided into a single family residence. After making sure there were no injuries to the occupants of the structure, it was deemed that there was significant damage to a load bearing portion of the front of the home. At this time the San Bernardino County Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Team was requested to respond to the scene, to set up shores in the affected areas. These shores are constructed on-scene by USAR personnel and are designed to support thousands of pounds.

The driver of the vehicle was being pursued by law enforcement at the time of the accident. The driver did not sustain any injuries and was taken into custody. As of this time, there have been no reported injuries to civilians or emergency responders. There are no reported road closures in the affected area.

One medic engine, one medic truck, one medic ambulance and one battalion chief responded to the incident. These units will be committed for an extended amount of time as they complete their shoring operation in order to prevent collapse of the structure.

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