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## **Firefighters Contain Early Morning Attic Fire**

**Date/Time:** July 27, 2012 at 4:29 a.m.  
**Location:** 22500 Block of De Soto St., Grand Terrace  
**Incident:** Fire consumes attic of residential home

**Summary:** In the early morning hours of July 27<sup>th</sup>, the San Bernardino County Fire Department received a report of smoke in a home. San Bernardino County Fire Department responded a structure fire assignment to the 22500 block of De Soto St. in Grand Terrace. The first on-scene engine reported heavy smoke visible coming from attic vents and eaves on all sides of the single-story, single-family residence. Firefighters went into an offensive fire attack and were able to contain the fire to the attic space. However the interior of the home did receive some smoke damage. Assistance was received from the Loma Linda Fire Department, Colton Fire Department and Cal Fire from Riverside County.

The occupants of the home stated that they were awakened by sounding smoke detectors, which allowed them to escape unharmed prior to fire department arrival. San Bernardino County Fire Investigators deemed the cause of the fire to be electrical, caused by a faulty can light in a master bathroom. No injuries were reported to any firefighters or civilians. Damage loss to the structure was estimated at \$65,000 and an estimated content loss of \$35,000. The American Red Cross assisted with the displaced 2 adult and 3 child occupants.

The lives of the family in this incident were clearly saved due to the fact that the home had operating smoke detectors. Most fire fatalities in residential structures occur between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Contrary to popular belief, the smell of smoke may not wake a sleeping person. Please take this time to make sure that your home is properly equipped with working smoke detectors. If needed most hardware, home supply, or general merchandise stores carry smoke detectors. If you can not afford one contact your local fire department via their non-emergency line, as some have programs that give free smoke detectors to those who need them.

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