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**Hesperia Home Burns on July 4th** 

Date/Time: 7/4/2021, 11:40am

Location: 17K block Sycamore Street, Hesperia

**Incident:** 21-155649 / Structure Fire

**Summary:** Last Sunday San Bernardino County Fire received multiple reports of a structure fire on Sycamore Street in the City of Hesperia. A first alarm response was dispatched with the first unit arriving in approximately six minutes. Medic Engine 22, a three person engine from the Spring Valley Lake station, initially reported heavy smoke coming from the rear as well as attic space of a single story home. As additional firefighters arrived and started to initiate operations fire conditions worsened when a partial collapse of the roof on the back side of the home occurred.

Firefighters deployed hose lines to the interior of the home while truck crews took to the roof to initiate ventilation operations to limit fire spread and improve conditions for personnel inside. As initial entry was made crews encountered a well involved living space and kitchen to the rear of the building. The fire was already established in the attic as extension checks were performed. A quick primary search confirmed that no occupants were still in the structure. Additional resources were requested to the scene due to the extreme mid day temperatures and need to rotate firefighters into rehab during the incident. The fire was knocked down in approximately 25 minutes. Significant damage was sustained to the structure to the rear and contents throughout the home. Once fire investigators arrived the preliminary cause appeared to be a hood fan malfunction above the stove in the kitchen.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with four medic engines, one medic squad, one medic ambulance, one truck, and one chief officer for a total of 20 personnel. Victorville City assisted with two engines. No injuries were reported to firefighters or civilians. The Red Cross was requested to assist with two adults and four children. During the incident multiple engines from surrounding County Fire divisions were moved into stations for coverage.