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Fire Destroys A Garage In El Cajon

Just before 4:00 p.m. today, Heartland Fire & Rescue crews responded to reports of a garage fire in the 300 block of Richfield Avenue in El Cajon. A large plume of black smoke could be seen from Interstate 8 and surrounding areas.

As Heartland Fire crews, from El Cajon and La Mesa arrived on scene, they found the garage of a home, located at 348 Richfield Avenue, fully involved. Twenty firefighters had the fire knocked down in approximately 15 minutes. Quick action by fire crews kept the fire from reaching the attached home, and two other homes located nearby.

There is some minor smoke damage to the home, and power to the structure has been temporarily turned off by S.D.G. & E. as fire crews mop up. The cause of the fire is now under investigation. Damage to the garage and its contents has been estimated at \$50,000. There were no injuries reported.

Some family members were at home at the time of the fire. They were alerted to the blaze by a passerby who pounded on their front door to alert them of the fire coming from their garage. The American Red Cross is now assisting the family of eight temporarily displaced by the fire.