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Fontana Crews Battle Two-Alarm Apartment Fire

Date/Time: 5/11/2022, 2:43AM
Location: 9000 block of Newport Ave, Fontana
Incident: Commercial Fire

Summary:

This morning at 2:43 San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported commercial structure fire in the 9000 block of Newport Ave, Fontana. Multiple 911 callers stated an apartment on fire.

Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire and smoke showing from two units on the second floor of the multi-unit apartment complex. Due to the size of the fire and apartment units adjacent, a second alarm was quickly struck. Arriving crews attacked the fire, working to keep the fire from spreading to the ten additional units. Firefighters initiated an offensive attack, working both inside the second floor apartments and on the roof to suppress the fire. Crews also completed searches of the apartments and evacuations of adjacent units to ensure all residents were outside. The fire was brought under control within thirty minutes of arrival. Firefighters were successful in keeping the fire to only two units of the twelve unit apartment complex.

Once the fire was knocked down, firefighters shifted their focus on salvage and overhaul operations. Edison was requested due to the fire impacting the main breaker / meter area for the twelve unit building. Due to the extensive damage to the utility connection, the entire building was disconnected from the power grid until repairs could be made. Approximately 40 residents were displaced due to fire, smoke, water or electrical disruption. San Bernardino County Fire in partnership with California Fire Foundation supplied Supplying Aid to Victims of Emergency or (SAVE) cards to those who were greatly impacted by the fire. Red Cross was also requested to assist those displaced by the fire.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with nine Engines, three Truck Companies, two Medic Squads, an Air/Light unit, two Chief Officers and a Fire Investigator. The fire remains under investigation.