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Three Alarm Fire Damages Carousel Mall

Date/Time: 5/15/2022, 6:49PM
Location: Carousel Mall, 200 block of North E St, San Bernardino
Incident: Commercial Fire

Summary:

Last night San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported commercial fire at the Carousel Mall, San Bernardino. 911 callers stated smoke from the vacant mall.

Fire crews quickly arrived on-scene to find light to medium smoke showing from the Eastern portion of the mall. Arriving firefighters worked on forcible entry finding heavy smoke conditions in the large multi-story mall. Due to the amount of smoke and building complexity, a second alarm response was quickly requested. Interior crews found heavy smoke conditions inside, complicating efforts to easily find the fire inside the mall. Firefighters utilized thermal imaging cameras & vertical ventilation to try and lift the heavy smoke. The fire continued to build and a third alarm was requested.

Interior crews ultimately found the fire on the second floor of the mall. To access the fire, crews deployed more than 600 feet of hose lines from the engine to the seat of the fire. Despite these challenges the fire was brought under control with 90 minutes of arrival. All searches of the mall came up negative. The fire remains under investigation by SBCoFD Investigators. No injuries were reported to either firefighters or the public.

Crews training and pre-planning at the mall proved vital as local firefighters knew important construction features, access points & hazards. This provided for increased firefighter safety & allowed the fire to be suppressed quickly.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 11 Engines, 4 Trucks, 4 Chief Officers, a Heavy Rescue & two Investigators. Colton and Rialto Fire assisted.