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Firefighters battle a fire burning on Wednesday, July, 28, 2021, at a strip mall on Mission Boulevard in Jurupa Valley. (Photo by Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

A fire destroyed a section of a strip mall in the Rubidoux neighborhood of Jurupa Valley on Wednesday evening, July 28, Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department said.

The fire was first reported at 5:18 p.m. in the 5700 block of Mission Boulevard and produced heavy smoke. Firefighters arrived to find three of the four units engulfed by flames, said Capt. Richard Cordova, a Fire Department spokesman. The fire appeared to have started in a grocery store, he said. Other businesses included a dentist office and laundromat.

Firefighters were trying to prevent the fourth unit from being destroyed. As they worked to extinguish the flames, part of the front of the mall collapsed.

By 8 p.m., three of the four units had been destroyed and firefighters continued to fight to prevent the fourth unit's destruction, which had sustained fire damage, Cal Fire said.

The incident commander called for four alarms because of the amount of fire and the heat and humidity, Cordova said.

One civilian suffered an unknown injury. The incident commander called for three more ambulances as a precautionary measure, Cordova said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

People were asked to avoid the area and to expect traffic delays. Mission Boulevard was closed between Rubidoux Boulevard and Riverview Drive.

Fire departments from the cities of Corona, Riverside, Murrieta and Ontario were also assisting. Additional help was provided by the Orange County Fire Authority, the Murrieta Fire Protection District, the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

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