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## **APARTMENT FIRE DAMAGES SEVERAL UNITS**

**Date/Time:** 09/06/14 / 0547 a.m.  
**Location:** 9200 Block of Cypress Ave. Fontana  
**Incident:** Apartment Fire

**Summary:** At 5:47 a.m. on Saturday morning, Fontana firefighters responded to an apartment fire in the 9200 block of Cypress Ave. First in unit reported a kitchen fire in an upstairs unit that had been suppressed by the built in fire sprinklers. Apparently, a resident had begun to heat up some oil on the stove top and left for a short period of time. During this time the oil heated up and ignited and the resulting fire began to spread to the surrounding area. That is when the sprinkler system activated and held the fire in check until firefighters arrived.

Firefighters from Fontana stations 71 and 72 completed extinguishment of the fire and also began work of protecting the apartment units from water damage from the fire sprinklers. The water from the activation damaged the upstairs apartment and the unit directly below. Fire crews shut down the system and did what they could to protect the resident's property. Damage was estimated at \$10,000 with over \$1,000,000 of property saved.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind all to never leave food cooking on the stove unattended. Not only is there the possibility of a fire, but a small child could accidentally knock over the hot food or oil and be seriously injured. Keep a close watch while cooking and be ready to take action if necessary!

