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Two Alarm Blaze Destroys Apartment Complex

Date/Time: June 15, 2013 / 0220 Hrs.

Location: 14243 Rodeo Drive, Victorville

Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

An early morning fire at the Northport Apartments destroyed 10 units and 6 vehicles before being brought under control by firefighters. San Bernardino County Fire responded with 9 engines, 2 ladder trucks, Apple Valley Fire Protection District responded with an engine and a breathing support unit. American Medical Response responded with 2 ambulances.

First arriving firefighters found units on the first and second story as well as a carport and vehicles well involved with fire and immediately went to a 2nd alarm. Firefighters concentrated their efforts on evacuating tenants from the units, a Sheriff's Deputy, with the assistance of firefighters, rescued an 11 year old girl who was separated from her family and firefighters rescued a man from the second story with a ladder. Once all the tenants were safe, firefighters continued with their aggressive fire attack.

One man suffered some minor smoke inhalation was treated at the scene by AMR. There were no other injuries. The Red Cross was requested to assist 8 families that were displaced by the fire. The 11 year old girl who was rescued had just celebrated her birthday the day before.

The fire took about an hour to bring under control and did approximately \$500,000 in damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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