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County Firefighters Battle 2-Alarm Fire in Hesperia

Date/Time: Friday, April 3, 2015
Location: Universal Self Storage
10150 I Ave. Hesperia, Ca
Incident Type: Commercial Structure Fire

Summary

At approximately 9 p.m. San Bernardino County Fire received a report of a Commercial Fire Alarm at the above address in the City of Hesperia. County Fire responded with a single engine company, as there were no reports of fire or smoke seen.

Upon arrival, the assigned engine reported smoke showing from three units of a single story, multi-unit, storage facility and balanced the incident to a commercial structure response. This added three more engine companies, two truck companies and a battalion chief. Based on the potential for rapid extension and an unknown fire load in the adjacent storage units, the call was upgraded to a 2nd alarm which added additional resources including an engine company from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District as well as an investigator from County's Office of the Fire Marshal.

County Fire initiated an aggressive interior attack and was able to confine the fire to one storage unit in approximately 20 minutes. The adjoining units sustained smoke and water damage, and there was an estimated property loss of \$10,000. County Fire was able to save approximately \$400,000 in property and belongings.

There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters and the fire is currently under investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

County Fire asks that citizens avoid driving over charged fire hoses that are in the street. Driving over hose lines can cause them to break and jeopardize the lives of firefighters by interrupting the water supply to crews inside the burning building.

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