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3rd Alarm Blaze Destroys Warehouse

Date/Time: November 17, 2014, 5:45 p.m.
Location: 22000 block of Commerce Way, Grand Terrace
Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Summary: Firefighters responded to a 3rd alarm commercial structure fire at the 22000 block of Commerce Way in Grand Terrace. Upon arrival minutes later, firefighters found flames shooting from the roof of the 2-story, 12,080 square foot building and immediately went into attack mode.

Moments later, 90% of the roof collapsed and firefighters were forced to take a defensive stance and battle the blaze utilizing ladder trucks. Within an hour, 52 firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire with the assistance of San Bernardino City Fire, Loma Linda, Rialto, Colton and Riverside County Fire had the fire knocked down; however remained on scene for several hours for extensive mop up operations. Firefighters were instrumental in saving a construction yard adjacent to the burning building.

The building is utilized as the warehouse for Hunter Landscaping. The building is a complete loss and all content, including 21 utility landscaping trucks parked inside, were destroyed. Damage is estimated at over \$1 million. A firefighter sustained minor injury. There were no occupants inside the building at the time of the fire. The Barton Road off-ramp of Northbound I-215 was closed due to smoke and damage to an adjacent wall that separates the business from the freeway.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

Although the Inland Empire was under a Red Flag warning, winds were not a factor in this incident. San Bernardino County Fire asks that you be our eyes and ears, our lookouts. If you see smoke or someone doing something that potentially can start a fire, call 9-1-1 and report it immediately. One spark is all it takes to start a devastating wildfire, especially during a Red Flag warning. Learn how you can be prepared, visit our website at www.sbcfire.org.

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