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## **Laundry Facility Fire at the Well Known Pirates Cove Resort**

**Date/Time:** May 20, 2014, 10:48pm  
**Location:** Pirates Cove Resort, Park Moabi  
**Incident:** Commercial Structure Fire

**Summary:** At 21:48:18, San Bernardino County Fire responded to a commercial structure fire located in the laundry facility of the Pirates Cove Resort in Park Moabi, California.

Upon arrival the first arriving unit found dark smoke coming from an approximately 900 square foot single wide mobile home. The mobile home was used as the laundry facility for the Pirate Cove Resort near the Colorado River. Fire crews from San Bernardino County Fire Department Station 31 and Mohave Valley Fire Department made forcible entry to the building and made a quick attack on the fire. The fire was contained to the mobile home with no damage to nearby structures.

The laundry facility was locked and the alarm was set at 4:00pm by the house keeping supervisor. At 9:41pm a security guard called 911 after seeing smoke coming from the structure.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. The possible cause of the fire was due to used cleaning rags piled in a plastic laundry basket. The damage to the structure is estimated at \$4,000 and the loss of content is estimated at \$3,000.

Oily rags placed in a pile or in an unventilated container can spontaneously combust. This means they can catch fire with no outside ignition source. No spark, no flame. As the oil in the rags evaporates rapidly, heat begins to build up inside the pile or container. The heat can grow to a point that it actually catches fire. Please remember to use OSHA compliant oily waste cans.

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