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Firefighters Save Business at 2-Alarm Fire in 29 Palms

Date/Time: Thursday, January 30, 2019 6:48pm
Location: Builders Supply 6k block Adobe, 29 Palms
Incident: Commercial Structure Fire #19-021180

Summary: Just before 7pm this evening, San Bernardino County Fire received multiple reports of a commercial structure fire at a local hardware / lumbar store. While enroute a large column of smoke and fire could be seen from several blocks out. ME44 arrived in five minutes and reported heavy fire conditions to the rear of a moderate sized hardware store. Due to the potential for extension and heavy fire involvement a second alarm was requested. This added additional resources including mutual aid from Combat Center Fire. Firefighters quickly deployed hose lines to the rear of the building where they found an attached patio well involved with fire with extension into the main business. Truck crews gained access to the roof where they found active fire running the rear portion of the attic. Ventilation holes were placed in the roof to assist firefighters inside during fire attack and clearing smoke while searching for potential occupants. A primary search was all clear for any victims. Firefighters had knockdown on the fire in approximately 40 minutes. Due to the quick actions of crews the majority of the contents in the business were saved. However, significant damage to the patio, attic space and rear of the building's interior did occur. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters reported.

Six engines, one truck, one brush patrol, one chief officers, and one investigator totaling 25 personnel responded from the County. Combat Center Fire assisted with two engines, one truck and a chief officer.

Damage estimates are still being evaluated. The cause of the fire is under investigation by County Fire's Office of the Fire Marshal. There is no preliminary cause available as of this posting.

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