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Fire Damages Classroom at Bloomington High School

Date/Time: 5/13/2015 0248 Hours

Location: Bloomington High School, 10750 Laurel Ave, Bloomington, CA

Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Bloomington, CA- San Bernardino County Firefighters from Bloomington and Fontana were dispatched to a reported rubbish fire, shortly thereafter it was reported that a portable classroom was on fire. The call then was balanced to a Commercial Structure Fire, bringing more units to assist. First arriving firefighters arrived in seven minutes finding one portable classroom with heavy smoke showing, and one portable classroom immediately threatened. Firefighters made an aggressive interior attack bringing the fire under control in 13 minutes, limiting damage to one classroom. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

San Bernardino County Fire Investigators and San Bernardino County Sheriff Arson/Bomb Detail were summoned to the scene to determine cause and origin of the fire. Earlier in the morning (at 1:23am) Firefighters responded to a report of trees on fire at Bloomington HS on a different portion of the campus. SBCoFD Fire Investigators are looking into if these two fires are related. SBCoFD is working with Colton Unified School District to gather information, and determine damage estimations.

4 Medic Engines, 1 Truck Company, 1 Paramedic Squad, and 2 Battalion Chiefs responded to the incident. Rialto FD also responded one Engine to assist.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind its residents to be vigilant for suspicious activities in their neighborhoods and business districts.

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