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FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE COMMERCIAL FIRE IN BLOOMINGTON

Incident: Commercial Structure Fire BDC: 17-4031
Date / Time: Wednesday, January 11, 2016 1:56 pm
Location: Cedar Ave at Slover Ave Bloomington, CA

Bloomington, CA- At 1:56 this afternoon, San Bernardino County Fire responded to numerous reports of a commercial structure fire on the southwest corner of Cedar and Slover Avenues in the community of Bloomington. Officers from the California Highway Patrol noticed smoke in the area and located fire coming from the roof of a building.

Firefighters arrived to find a 9000 square foot single story structure that seasonally serves as a produce stand for the community. Heavy smoke was pumping from two sides of the property, and an aggressive attack was initiated by the first in engine company.

The property was determined to be a collection of buildings, one of which included a basement, constructed over the years. Fire was rapidly moving through the numerous structures to the point that an operational retreat was declared with a transition to a defensive attack and new goal of minimizing the spread to adjacent structures.

The fire was brought under control in just under ninety minutes. Four engines, two truck companies, two medic squads, two chief officers and an investigator for a total of twenty-seven personnel were assigned to the incident. Rialto Fire Department provided mutual aid with one engine.

No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. Damage estimates are still being assessed, however the buildings have been determined to be a complete loss. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Southbound Cedar Avenue and both directions of Slover Avenue were temporarily closed due to suppression activity.

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