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Firefighters battle a Barstow apartment complex fire on Monday evening. The blaze took seven hours to extinguish, authorities said. Photo by Jim Osbourn, for the Desert Dispatch



The ruins of an apartment building on Deseret Avenue in Barstow are seen on Tuesday morning. The quadplex was destroyed by fire Monday night. Mike Lamb, Desert Dispatch

BARSTOW - No injuries were reported in a Monday night fire at a local apartment quadplex that resulted in 16 people being displaced from their homes, fire officials said.

Authorities said the cause of the blaze appears suspicious.

Barstow Fire Protection District personnel responded to a report of a car fire in the 1100 block of Deseret Avenue at approximately 10:14 p.m.

Firefighters found three vehicles in the carport fully engulfed in flames. The blaze "quickly and aggressively" spread into the first floor of the apartment, according to Chief Jamie Williams.

The flames then made their way into the attic, forcing fire officials to issue a third alarm. Williams said 28 personnel, including firefighters from the Marine Corps Logistics Base Fire Department and **San Bernardino County Fire Department**, battled the blaze.

Williams said firefighters escaped injury when a portion of the complex collapsed.

"We had a near miss when the second floor of the apartment collapsed onto the carport where the fire started," Williams said. "This was a 100 percent loss and six people from the building were displaced. Ten people from the adjacent building were also displaced."

It took firefighters two hours to gain control of the fire and a total of seven hours to extinguish, according to Williams.

The cause of fire is suspicious in nature and under investigation, Williams said.

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Trash Can Fire In Yucca Valley Little League Restroom

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The Sheriff's Department and the **County Fire Department** are investigating a fire set in the restroom at the Little League ball field in Yucca Valley Tuesday morning. About 9:30, a town employee discovered that unknown suspects had taken all the toilet paper in the men's restroom and put it in a trash can and set it on fire. Yucca Valley firefighters put out the smoldering fire. County Fire Battalion Chief Mike Snow said a group of juveniles hang out in the area while waiting for their school bus in the morning. Damage to the building in the 56600 block of Little League Drive was confined to smoke damage. Anyone with information should call the Sheriff's Department at 760-366-4175.

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