

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## 2nd Alarm Fire Destroys Pub

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 2:50 a.m.

Location: 17100 block of Main Street, City of Hesperia

**Incident:** Commercial Structure Fire

**Summary:** Firefighters responded to an early morning 2-alarm commercial fire at the Main Street Pub, located in a strip mall on the 17100 block of Main Street in the City of Hesperia. Upon firefighter arrival, smoke was billowing from the roof top of the building.

Firefighters quickly acknowledged there were no occupants inside and began an aggressive attack; gaining the upper hand on the fire and extinguishing it within 30 minutes. Firefighters were instrumental in keeping the fire from spreading to the attached businesses and adjacent strip mall. The Pub itself is located at the corner of a strip mall containing eight businesses in all.

Thirty SBCoFire firefighters responded to the scene. Main Street was closed from "E" Ave. to "G" Ave. for several hours due to firefighting activity. Firefighters will remain on scene throughout the morning conducting mop-up operations.

The business was closed at the time of the fire, however three employees were still working inside when the fire started and were able to safely evacuate. There were no injuries reported. The roof completely collapsed, rendering the business a total loss.

SBCoFire Investigator Tim Tate is conducting the investigation and stated although the cause of the fire remains under investigation it does not appear to be arson at this time. Anyone with further information is urged to contact We-Tip at 800-47-ARSON (800-472-7766) or SBCoFire Dispatch at 909-356-3805.

Firefighters remind you that it is never safe to enter a structure where there is a suspected or confirmed fire. The best action is to safely evacuate and call 911 from a location outside of the burning structure. No belongings are worth losing one's life.

Courtesy photos can be located at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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