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SBCoFD Firefighters Respond To Upland Commercial Structure Fire

Date/Time: Friday, January 25, 2019 3:59 pm
Location: 900 block West 9th Street Upland
Incident: Commercial Structure Fire #19-017503

Summary: At 4:00pm this afternoon, San Bernardino County Fire responded to multiple reports of an explosion with possible fire. Medic engine 161 arrived in three minutes and reported moderate smoke conditions from the front of an automotive business with all occupants reported out of the building. According to bystanders a large explosion was heard which shook nearby buildings and caused nearby windows to break. Firefighters initiated an offensive fire attack and entered the building. They were supported by truck crews from the roof above. Upon entry a contents fire was found to the rear of the building that had extended into the structural members of the building. #Fire suppression efforts were hampered by energized electrical equipment and lines that could not be secured by firefighters. Edison was requested to assist in securing the hazard.

The fire was controlled in approximately twenty minutes with no injuries to civilians or firefighters reported. Four engines, two truck companies, one chief officer, and one investigator totaling 21 personnel from County Fire were assigned to the incident.

Damage estimates are still being evaluated. The preliminary cause appears to be mechanical failure to a large air compressor tank which resulted in the explosion and fire.

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