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Two Alarm Fire Destroys San Bernardino Commercial Building, Nearby Buildings Saved

Date/Time: December 1, 2020, 12:14 a.m.
Location: 1400 West Rialto Avenue, City of San Bernardino
Incident: Two Alarm Commercial Fire

Summary: This morning at 12:14 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported commercial structure fire in the 1400 block of West Rialto Ave, San Bernardino. Multiple 911 stated multiple explosions and fire from a commercial building.

ME222 arrived within 6 minutes to find heavy smoke and fire showing from a large, single story commercial building. The well involved building was also immediately threatening multiple buildings, vehicles and nearby vegetation. Due to the involvement and exposures, a second alarm was quickly struck. Crews mounted a defensive fire attack, concentrating on keeping the fire to the building of origin & protecting exposures. Large volumes of water were applied via ladder pipes and hand lines. At the height of the fire more than 3,000 gallons per minute were flowing. While conducting initial attack, crews found an energized power line had fallen. Crews cordoned off the area until Edison arrived to mitigate the hazard.

The fire was ultimately knocked down in 30 minutes. San Bernardino County Fire crews were successful in keeping the fire from spreading to adjacent structures and vegetation. The fire's cause is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 8 Engines, 2 Truck Companies, 2 Battalion Chiefs and a Fire Investigator. Colton Fire assisted with an Engine Company.

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