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### Firefighters Respond To Smell of Smoke at Kaiser Health

Just after 4 p.m. today, San Bernardino County Fire received reports of a commercial structure fire at the Kaiser Medical building in the 14000 block of Park Avenue in the City of Victorville. Initial reports included a strong smell of smoke on the 3rd floor with some light smoke visible.

County Fire units arrived on scene 2 minutes after dispatch and reported nothing showing from the exterior of the building. Numerous people were also seen evacuating the building. Firefighters from Medic Engine 311 made access to the 2nd floor and reported a strong smell of smoke.

Life Safety is always a firefighter's first priority on any incident, and it became essential to continue the evacuation of the building while simultaneously attempting to locate the source of the smoke. Crews worked inside the building as well as on the roof for approximate 45 minutes attempting to locate any possible fire.

County Fire responded with 6 paramedic engines, 2 paramedic truck companies, 1 battalion chief, 1 fire investigator and 1 prevention officer for a total of 27 personnel. With fire crews continuing their search for fire in the health center, County Fire paramedics treated two patients that had come to the urgent care located inside the center. Their complaints were not related to the smoke in the structure, and they were treated and transported to local hospitals.

The source of the smoke was determined to be coming from a malfunctioning HVAC system. There was no actual fire located in the building.