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## **San Bernardino Crews Rescue Two from Fire in Multi-Story Commercial Building**

**Date/Time:** September 8, 2020, 5:47 p.m.  
**Location:** 700 Block of North “E” Street, City of San Bernardino  
**Incident:** Two Alarm Commercial Fire

**Summary:** At 5:46 p.m., San Bernardino County Fire (SBCoFD) crews were dispatched to a reported commercial fire at 7th & North “E” Street in the City of San Bernardino. Multiple 911 callers stated smoke showing from a multi-story vacant commercial occupancy.

ME221 arrived on-scene within three minutes of dispatch to find smoke showing from a boarded up, vacant multi-story commercial office building. Witnesses on-scene also stated there were people possibly trapped in the building. Due to the occupancy and reports of victims trapped a second alarm and two ambulances were immediately requested. Once forcing entry, crews found a fire located on the second floor of the four story building. Crews deployed to the fire floor, floor above and the roof to work on fire attack, search and ventilation. While laddering the roof, T221 found two victims and initiated a rescue of those from the structure.

Despite force entry challenges, rescues and long hose lays the fire was knocked down in approximately 25 minutes. 4 Engines, 2 Trucks and a BC all arrived within 6 minutes of the original 911 call aiding in limiting the fire’s spread. After a primary and secondary search, no additional victims were found in the structure. The two victims once rescued, denied any treatment or transport. While San Bernardino area crews were committed on the fire, SBCoFD Engines were moved into vacant stations to ensure there was uninterrupted Fire / EMS coverage.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 8 Engines, 3 Truck Companies, 4 Chief Officers and a Fire Investigator. Colton FD assisted with an Engine.

The cause and origin of the fire is under investigation by fire investigators.

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