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Vacant Apartment Burns

Date/Time: July 17, 2012, 5:53 a.m.
Location: 15500 block of Hesperia Rd., City of Victorville
Incident: Apartment Fire

Summary: San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to an early morning apartment fire at the corner of "C" St. and Hesperia Rd in Victorville. Upon their arrival, flames were coming from one of the five single story apartments and heavy smoke was billowing from the two adjacent apartments.

Initial reports indicated there may be someone still inside the apartment. Firefighters immediately conducted a search for occupants to no avail. Arcing power lines hindered firefighter efforts; however firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control within 15 minutes.

It appears the strip of apartments was under renovation. One apartment was completely destroyed, while 3 others were damaged. There were no evacuations of the adjacent apartment complex.

Fifteen County firefighters responded to the incident, with the assistance of an Apple Valley Fire unit. One firefighter sustained minor burns and was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton for treatment.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators. Hesperia Road was closed from "B" St. to "D" St. for approximately 1 ½ hours.

Smoke alarms save lives. San Bernardino County Fire Dept. reminds you to change smoke alarm batteries at least once a year. Testing smoke detectors and reminding others to do the same are some of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce deaths and injuries.

Courtesy photos are available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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