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Traffic Collision Leads to Fire, Injuring Six and Damaging Multiple Occupancies

Date/Time: December 9, 2020, 9:36 a.m.
Location: Area of Baseline / Tippecanoe, City of San Bernardino
Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Summary: This morning at 9:36 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to vehicle that had crashed into a storage facility and its propane tank in the area of Garden and Baseline, San Bernardino. Additional 911 callers stated the vehicle crash had started a building on fire and a large propane tank was actively leaking product. The call was upgraded to a Commercial Structure Fire response.

Crews arrived and found a home & storage facility on fire with multiple burn victims. The call was immediately upgraded to a second alarm and additional ambulances were requested. Arriving crews worked on fire attack, patient care and mitigating the actively leaking propane tank.

The fire was knocked down in approximately 40 minutes. Approximately 10 storage units were heavily damaged by smoke and fire. The second story office also received smoke and fire damage. One home received moderate fire damage in the attic, but firefighters managed to limit spread and further damage to the home. Nearby palm trees and vegetation also burned. Ultimately six victims were found, treated and transported to local trauma centers. Four were treated and transported with burn injuries, two with trauma related injuries. Fire Investigators were on-scene working with witnesses and local law enforcement to piece together the incident.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 8 Engines, 3 Trucks, a Medic Squad, an Air-Light Unit, Haz-Mat Unit, 3 Chief Officers, a Training / Safety Officer and a Fire Investigator. San Manuel FD assisted with an Engine. While local crews were committed to the call, additional San Bernardino County Fire Department move-up crews were brought to the San Bernardino area to ensure there was uninterrupted Fire / EMS coverage.

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