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Apartment Complex Fire in the City of Fontana

Date/Time: Monday, December 16, 2019 11:32 am

Location: 17221 Barbee, Fontana

Incident: Commercial Structure Fire 19-279346

Summary: At 11:32 this morning, San Bernardino County Fire responded to multiple reports of a two-story apartment complex with explosions off of Barbee street in the City of Fontana. ME 2 arrived shortly after dispatched and reported smoke and fire showing from the rear of the apartment complex. Firefighters quickly made access and noticed the building appeared to have significant damage. The first floor was inaccessible due to the potential of collapse. The fire did spread to the second story and attic space. Firefighters were able to get a quick knock down while performing a primary and secondary search of the entire complex. Knock down of the fire was achieved in approximately 20 minutes. Four units from the apartment complex were heavily damaged and red tagged from the explosion. Cause of the explosion is still under investigation.

Two civilian injuries were reported by Fontana PD. Both civilians went to Kaiser hospital prior to the arrival of County Fire and Fontana PD units. No firefighter injuries were reported. Five engines, two truck companies, one chief officer, one medic squad, and one rescue totaling 29 personnel from County Fire were assigned to the incident.

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