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Firefighters Check Spread of Early Morning Fire

Date/Time: Oct. 10, 2014 / 5am
Location: 14900 block Ceres Ave, Fontana
Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Summary:

Quick work by San Bernardino County Fire crews held in check a fire this early this morning at a large automobile repair facility in an industrial area of Fontana.

Employees from the business next door to the fire arrived at work and called in visible fire from the shop, one of several businesses within a large metal “Butler” style building set back from Ceres Ave. A loud noise was reported just before smoke was seen billowing from the building.

First-arriving companies arrived within seven minutes of dispatch and reported seeing smoke visible from one side of the structure. They quickly went to work gaining access to the business, which had heavy metal security doors as well as a large roll-up style garage bay door blocking firefighter access.

The building sprinkler system had activated, helping keep the fire in contained while crews forced entry.

Once inside, firefighters advanced hoselines into the building and searched for the seat of the fire, eventually finding it located in an interior wall next to a stack of tires. Other crews ventilated the building with large smoke-ejector fans to clear the visibility for the interior companies.

The fire was declared out at 5:38am, approximately 15 minutes after the first crews arrived on scene. Damage was estimated to be approximately \$10,000.

Four engine companies, two aerial ladder companies, two paramedic/rescue squads and a battalion chief—comprising 21 firefighters—responded.

No injuries were reported, and adjacent business were not damaged.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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