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San Bernardino Crews Fight Well Involved Commercial Fire

Date/Time: September 24, 2020, 1:42 a.m.
Location: 1400 Block of North Mt. Vernon, City of San Bernardino
Incident: Commercial Fire

Summary: At 1:41am San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported commercial fire near North Magnolia and West Mount Vernon in the City of San Bernardino. Multiple 911 callers reported fire from the building and that people had known to inhabit the vacant building.

ME222 arrived within 4 minutes to find heavy smoke and fire showing from the vacant commercial building. Crews originally engaged in an offensive fire attack, making a search for potential victims a priority. Due to the involvement crews were unable to complete the search and transitioned to a defensive posture. Utilizing master streams and hand lines crews were able to protect adjacent exposures and keep the fire in the building of origin. The fire was knocked down in approximately 45 minutes.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 6 Engines, 2 Truck Companies, 2 Battalion Chiefs and a Fire Investigator.

The fire is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshall Investigators. To ensure there was uninterrupted Fire / EMS coverage while crews operated, San Bernardino County Fire "Move-up" Engines were moved in to San Bernardino vacant stations.

The building was turned over to San Bernardino Code Enforcement.

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