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TWO ALARM MOTEL FIRE CLAIMS ONE

Date/Time: Thursday, July 19, 2012 01:24 a.m.
Location: Thrifty 6 Motel, 14300 block of Main Street, Hesperia
Incident: Two Alarm Commercial Fire with Fatality

Summary: Shortly before 1:30 am, units from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to multiple 911 calls reporting a fire at the Thrifty 6 Motel in Hesperia. Additional callers stated there was a possibility of someone trapped in a room. The first engines arriving on scene found heavy smoke and fire pouring from two units of the fourteen-room motel.

Rescue operations conducted under extreme fire conditions located a single male adult, age 62, deceased in one of the motel rooms.

In all, twenty-eight firefighters performed an aggressive interior fire attack and were able to control the fire in just over half an hour.

All residents had safely evacuated. No further injuries were reported. The American Red Cross was on scene to assist several displaced residents.

Damage estimates are unknown at this time though four units were completely destroyed with fire and smoke damage to an additional eight units.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators with the assistance of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Arson/Bomb unit.

Photos can be located at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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