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Two-Alarm Fire Damages Vacant San Bernardino Office Complex

Date/Time: December 16, 2020, 6:00 a.m.
Location: North Waterman / Gilbert, City of San Bernardino
Incident: Commercial Fire

Summary: This morning at 6:00 San Bernardino County Fire units were dispatched to a reported commercial fire in the area of Waterman and Gilbert in San Bernardino. Multiple 911 callers stated smoke from a vacant commercial building with people running around inside.

San Bernardino County Fire Department units arrived in 5 minutes to find heavy smoke showing from a large vacant commercial complex. Arriving crews initiated an offensive fire attack, concentrating on a search of the building and keeping the fire isolated to one portion of the large building. Truck crews worked from the roof, working on vertical ventilation to aid interior crews and limit lateral fire spread. The fire quickly spread to adjoining wings of the building and extended to the attic space. Due to the size of the building and a well involved fire a second alarm was started. The interconnected buildings totaled more than 15,000 multiple units and access points.

The fire was ultimately knocked down in approximately one hour. Searches of the building came up negative. Crews remained on scene for multiple hours working on overhaul & investigation. The fire is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Department Investigators. No injuries to firefighters or civilians were noted.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 8 Engines, 3 Trucks, a Squad, Air / Light unit, 3 Chief Officers and a Fire Investigator. San Manuel FD assisted with an Engine company.

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