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Firefighter's Battle Condominium Fire in Lake Arrowhead

Date/Time: Sunday June 6th 1:57 a.m. Location: 27000 block Peninsula Dr. Lake Arrowhead Contact: Engineer/Paramedic PIO Jeff Allen (909) 547-4489

Lake Arrowhead, CA-shortly before 2:00 a.m. San Bernardino County Fire received reports of a commercial structure fire in the 27000 block of Peninsula Dr. in the community of Lake Arrowhead. Initial reports included one condo of a one a multi-unit condo complex was fully involved. Additional reports minutes later also included one additional condo was now involved.

Medic Engine 94 arrived on scene 6 minutes after dispatch and reported a 2 story condominium complex with heavy fire showing from one unit with exposures to the adjoining occupancies and the vegetation. With the threat of the fire spreading to the vegetation the responding battalion chief requested 5 additional engine companies and 1 chief officer. Subsequent arriving engines supported the fire attack by deploying multiple hose lines and preventing lateral fire spread to adjoining occupancies.

The fire was knocked down in 39 minutes with significant damage to two units of the condo complex. Crews were also successful in preventing spread to nearby vegetation. One firefighter suffered a minor knee injury and is currently being evaluated at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. There were no injuries to civilians and the cause is currently under investigation by the office of the fire marshal.

County Fire responded with 5 paramedic engine companies, 2 paramedic ambulances, 2 chief officers,1 fire investigator and 1 incident support for a total of 21 personnel. County Fire was assisted by numerous cooperating agencies including Cal Fire, Running Springs Fire, San Bernardino City Fire, Redlands Fire, San Manuel Fire, Loma Linda Fire and Colton Fire.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds County residents to always have a home escape plan as well as planning for wildfire evacuations. For more information on these topics please visit <u>www.sbcfire.org</u>

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