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UPDATE

Investigators have determined this fire to be the latest in a string of dental office arson fires. During the month of March, three other dental businesses were set on fire along Sierra Ave. between I-10 and I-210 in Fontana. The arsonist used similar ignition sources in all four fires.

Investigators need your help. If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact San Bernardino County Fire at (909) 356-3805 or We-Tip at 1-800-47-ARSON (800-472-7766).

San Bernardino County Fire Investigators are conducting the investigations with the assistance of the Fontana Police Department.

Fire Destroys Dental Office

Date/Time: June 14, 2012, 3:22 a.m.
Location: Western Dental Office, 10100 block of Sierra Ave., Fontana
Incident: Commercial Fire

Summary: San Bernardino County firefighters responded to an early morning structure fire at the Western Dental office in Fontana. Upon their arrival five minutes later, heavy smoke was billowing from all sides of the 3100 square foot building with flames shooting out from the rear of the structure.

With an aggressive attack, 26 firefighters extinguished the blaze within a half hour.

The fire started at the rear of the building and had been burning awhile before being noticed and reported by a passing motorist. Although firefighters contained the fire to the rear of the facility, due to the type of equipment and materials inside the building, heat from the fire radiated throughout the office, melting everything within reach.

The structure of the business remains standing; however all content within was destroyed. Damage is estimated at over a million dollars. The fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

Photos are available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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