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Crews Contain Fire in Vacant Automotive Repair Shop

Date/Time: Monday, January 20, 2020 6:50 pm **Location:** 300 South Arrowhead, San Bernardino

Incident: Commercial Structure Fire

Summary: At 6:50PM San Bernardino County Fire Crews were dispatched to a reported commercial structure fire in the area of West Mill Street and South Arrowhead Ave in the City of San Bernardino. Company 221 arrived within 4 minutes to find heavy smoke and fire from the front of a commercial occupancy.

Crews initiated a transitional fire attack, finding fire showing from a heavily secured vacant commercial building. Crews forced entry while fire attack crews flowed water to suppress the fire. While performing initial attack, a downed power line also was found. A life hazard alert was immediately announced, and Southern California Edison was requested to mitigate the hazard. Despite the force entry problems and power line hazard, the fire was knocked down in 18 minutes. Once making entry, crews completed a search to confirm no victims were inside at the time of the fire.

A #SBCoFD Fire Investigator was requested to determine cause and origin. The fire's cause is under investigation. The building, vacant at the time of the fire sustained heavy damage as a result of the fire. No damage estimates were available at the time of the release.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with 6 Engines, 2 Trucks, 2 Battalion Chiefs and a Fire Investigator. The fire was also featured on last nights "Live Rescue" episode.

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