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## **Firefighters Rescue One from Needles Hotel Fire**

**Date/Time:** September 30, 2020, 3:42 a.m.  
**Location:** 600 Block of West Broadway, City of Needles  
**Incident:** Commercial Fire

**Summary:** This morning at 3:42 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire crews were dispatched to a reported commercial fire in the 600 block of West Broadway in the City of Needles. Multiple callers stated fire and smoke from a second story of a hotel. One 911 caller stated he was trapped by the fire and unable to safely exit. Dispatchers stayed on the line with him & relayed crucial information to incoming crews.

ME32 arrived within 6 minutes of dispatch to find heavy smoke and fire from the second story of a two-story hotel. Crews coordinated a fire attack to limit the spread of the fire and a rescue operation of a trapped male in a room. Within 10 minutes of arrival crews reported a knockdown of the fire and had completed the rescue. The person refused transport after being rescued. Crews performed a primary search of the remainder of the rooms, ensuring no additional parties were trapped. No additional victims were found. The fire was declared out in approximately 30 minutes.

The fire severely damaged the second floor of the 35-room hotel. 25 hotel occupants were displaced as a result of the fire. Red Cross was called to assist with those impacted. The fire is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with an Engine, a Patrol, a Battalion Chief and a Fire Investigator. Mohave Valley FD (AZ) responded with two Engines and Chief Officer. Needles Ambulance responded as well.

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