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San Bernardino County Fire Investigators have determined the pallet yard fire on Jan 17 is arson. Investigators are asking for the public's assistance. Anyone with information is asked to contact We-Tip at 800-47-ARSON (800-472-7766) or dispatch at 909-356-3805.

The pallet yard fire that occurred 4 days prior on Jan 13 at Woodland Pallets in Fontana remains under investigation. At this time arson has not been ruled out.

2-Alarm Pallet Fire Quickly Contained

Date/Time: Sunday, January 17, 2016, 11:42 p.m.
Location: 15600 block of Boyle Ave., Fontana
Incident: Pallet Yard Fire

Summary: Firefighters responded to an early morning 2-alarm pallet fire at the 15600 block of Boyle Ave. in Fontana. Upon arrival, they found a small portion of the pallet yard on fire, some pallets stacked as high as 40 feet.

Firefighters began an aggressive attack from all sides; keeping the fire contained to its original origin and away from the rest of the pallet yard. The fire had already reached an onsite storage building containing additional pallets. Firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze and save the building. Firefighters had their hands full keeping embers from a burning palm tree, combined with the extreme heat from the fire, from spreading to an adjacent business and residential structure.

In just over an hour and a half, 36 firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire had the fire knocked down. Colton Fire responded to assist.

A San Bernardino County Fire Dozer and Inmate Hand Crew responded to the scene for overhaul and mop up operations, relieving firefighters and medic engines to return back to service in the community. Numerous piles of pallets and other materials have to be broken up to make sure all fire is extinguished. Crews are expected to be on scene throughout the morning.

There were no injuries or evacuations. The storage building sustained partial damage. There are no preliminary fire damage estimates at this time. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire investigators. Anyone with information is asked to contact We-Tip at 800-47-ARSON (800-472-7766) or dispatch at 909-356-3805.

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