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Firefighters quickly extinguished a blaze at an apartment complex in Adelanto on Monday. No injuries were reported, but two units were completely destroyed by the fire. [Paola Baker, Daily Press]

ADELANTO — Firefighters quickly doused a blaze at an apartment complex here Monday afternoon, but the flames destroyed two units.

No injuries were reported due to the fire, which occurred at the Villa Park apartment complex in the 11500 block of White Avenue, near Jonathan Street, around 1:15 p.m. Monday.

San Bernardino County Fire Department officials arrived within minutes they found flames burning from two different apartments on the second floor, prompting a second-alarm response, County Fire Battalion Chief Bill Mahan said.

Juan Guillermo Valenzuela, who lives in a first-floor unit at the complex, said he had just arrived home from work when he first heard a fire alarm blaring upstairs.

Valenzuela said he stepped outside and saw smoke coming from an upstairs unit. He first notified the building's manager before he headed upstairs, where he helped evacuate nearby units while doing what he could to manage the flames.

"I got my hose and threw water on the fire," Valenzuela said. "I shut off the gas and electricity as well, so when the fire department got there they could get it under control."

Mahan said all occupants were out of their units when firefighters arrived to douse the blaze, which took them about 20 to 30 minutes. Crews rescued one dog out of the fire.

Mahan said five apartments were ultimately damaged in the blaze, with two deemed "mostly destroyed." Further details weren't available.

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

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