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Upland fire burns 8 townhome buildings under construction

Brian Rokos, THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

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Firefighters work to mop up a 3-alarm fire at a site under construction in Upland on Wednesday morning Dec. 1, 2021. Cause of the fire is under investigation which also spread to an occupied apartment structure. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

A fire burned eight townhome buildings under construction and an occupied apartment building in Upland on Wednesday, Dec. 1, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department said.

Some townhomes were destroyed while others were damaged.

The buildings were in various stages of construction, Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said. Some were being framed, while others were receiving roofs and interior finishing.

The fire was reported at 5:24 a.m. at 105 N. 13th Ave., and more than 60 firefighters from the **San Bernardino** and Los Angeles county departments, Montclair, Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga responded.

The flames spread because the exposed lumber was particularly susceptible to heat, McClintock said.

“They really had their hands full,” he said.

Firefighters saved 12 other townhome buildings that were under construction. None of the buildings was occupied, McClintock said, but some apartments next door were.

The flames spread to an attic in one such apartment building. The damage from fire, water and smoke displaced 25 residents, McClintock said.

At about 8:15 a.m., firefighters gained control of the fire.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2021/12/01/fire-in-upland-burns-apartments-under-construction/>

Fire burns Southern California residential construction site

Staff writer, ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Firefighters work to mop up a 3-alarm fire at a site under construction in Upland on Wednesday morning Dec. 1, 2021. Cause of the fire is under investigation which also spread to an occupied apartment structure. (Will Lester/The Orange County Register via AP)(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

UPLAND, Calif. — Fire destroyed or damaged eight apartment-style buildings that were under construction and damaged an occupied adjacent apartment building in Southern California before dawn Wednesday, authorities said.

More than 60 firefighters from multiple agencies battled the fire in a construction site near multiple large apartment complexes housing hundreds of residents in the city of Upland, **San Bernardino County Fire** said in a statement.

Fire reached the attic of an occupied two-story apartment building and the damage displaced 25 residents. The Red Cross was called in to assist those people.

Multiple 911 calls reported the fire at 5:24 a.m. at the construction site near Upland's border with the city of Ontario, about 35 miles east of Los Angeles.

“More than a dozen threatened structures were saved during the intense firefight,” the statement said. “No damage estimates are available but the losses are significant.”

One firefighter received a minor injury.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/california/story/2021-12-01/fire-burns-southern-california-construction-site>

Fire damages Upland construction site, displaces 25 residents

Staff writer, ABC 7

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A three -alarm fire destroyed part of an apartment complex under construction in Upland early Wednesday and forced 25 people who lived nearby to evacuate their homes.

UPLAND, Calif. (KABC) -- A three-alarm fire destroyed part of an apartment complex under construction in Upland early Wednesday and forced 25 people who live nearby to evacuate their homes.

The blaze also damaged an occupied apartment building and caused minor injuries to one firefighter.

It took 60 firefighters to attack the flames from the ground, from nearby rooftops and from a ladder engine, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department. They contained and extinguished the fire and saved multiple occupied apartment homes surrounding the construction site.

The fire was first reported at 5:24 a.m. at a construction site near 13th Avenue and East 9th Street.

Firefighters found multiple units under construction that were already well involved in flames and called in extra crews to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby apartment buildings occupied by hundreds of people. Exposed lumber at the site contributed to the danger.

The flames spread to an attic of a nearby two-story apartment building, causing some damage and displacing 25 residents. Red Cross help was requested for those who had to leave their homes.

Eight units under construction were damaged or destroyed.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

<https://abc7.com/upland-fire-ontario-construction-homes/11288959/>

Dispatchers get tech to pinpoint 911 callers

By Jené Estrada, HI-DESERT STAR

Posted: December 01, 2021 at 10:27 a.m.



SAN BERNARDINO — The communications center that runs the dispatch for **San Bernardino County Fire** Department and handles all 911 calls for fire or emergency medical services is working with new partners and technology to accurately track cellphones during 911 calls.

“Our biggest delay in processing 911 calls is not knowing where they’re at or a language barrier,” said ConFire director Art Andres. “This stops those delays.”

ConFire is a joint powers authority that provides communications, dispatch and geographic information systems to members and contract agencies, including the **San Bernardino County fire** department.

The ConFire communications center’s primary function is to provide 24-hour, 365-day fire, EMS and rescue dispatch services.

When California Senate Bill 96 was implemented in 2020, California dispatch centers got an influx of funding to upgrade the 911 emergency system; the funding came from a surcharge on all phones including cellphones.

ConFire partnered with RapidSOS and RapidDeploy to harness data from Apple and Google to track 911 callers using cellphones. Prior to these partnerships, they were tracking 911 callers using cellphone towers, which did not give exact locations.

These new systems also offer real-time location updates if the caller is moving and updates text to 911 services, which Andres said are very useful for callers who might be dealing with an active intruder or are hearing impaired.

“When possible you should always call 911 but that’s not always an option,” he said. “Texting 911 can be life-saving for people in specific situations.”

These updates have been rolling out for several months and they expect to get more updates to their systems soon, including live video feed between 911 callers and dispatchers.

For more information on ConFire, visit www.confirer.org.

<https://hidesertstar.com/news/181472/dispatchers-get-tech-to-pinpoint-911-callers/>

Breaking News: Needles, CA: Small tire and vegetation fire was burning in a desert ravine just east of Erin Drive

Zachary Lopez, ZACHNEWS Source: San Bernardino County Fire District (Information):
Posted: December 1, 2021 at 7:42 p.m.



Needles, California: Firefighters responded to multiple reports of a small tire and vegetation fire that was burning in desert ravine just east of Erin Drive.

Multiple calls began coming into 911 dispatch at around 6:00 p.m. PST on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021.

Initial reports the vegetation fire went from near J Street and West Broadway to near the Motel 6 off J Street.

Firefighters from San Bernardino County Fire District's Station 32 arrived to the area off Morris Street, but crews had to go around toward where Motel 6 because of heavy access issues getting through the desert ravine. Firefighters began to put out the fire as deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Colorado River Station arrived to the scene.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but this area has seen several fire in the desert ravine in the few years; deliberately set and near small homeless encampment.

I possible sound of a dog in the distance in the desert ravine area; going away from the fire, but unknown that was anybody walking with a dog away from the scene or just a lost dog walking around in the desert.

If you have any information regarding the cause of the small vegetation fire, please contact the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Colorado River Station at: 1 (760) 326-9200 or San Bernardino County Fire District's Station 32 at: 1 (760) 326-2833.

Great work to all of the firefighters, emergency personnel and law enforcement who responded.

<https://zachnews.net/2021/12/01/breaking-news-needles-ca-small-tire-and-vegetation-fire-was-burning-in-a-desert-ravine-just-east-of-erin-drive/>

Breaking News: Fenner, CA: Semi truck went off westbound Interstate 40, under a bridge and onto a railroad track just east of Goffs Road.

Zachary Lopez, ZACHNEWS Source: California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino County Fire District (Information)
Posted: December 1, 2021 at 9:42 p.m.



The construction material only helped the fire's rapid spread. NewsChopper4 was over the scene on Dec. 1, 2021

Fenner, California: A semi truck went off westbound Interstate 40, under a bridge and onto a railroad track just east of Goffs Road.

The crash was reported at 7:50 p.m. PST on Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 of a semi truck wedged under a bridge over the railroad tracks.

Medical Engine 32 and Medical Engine 53 from **San Bernardino County Fire** District along with Medical Ambulance 31 and California Highway Patrol is responding.

Medical Engine 18 from the **San Bernardino County Fire** District has been moved up to Station 32.

California Highway Patrol reports the reporting party unable to see if semi truck is on the railroad tracks, and states one party is near the semi truck, but unknown if that is the driver.

California Highway Patrol also reports the reporting party states semi truck was swerving prior to crash.

As of 8:07 p.m. PST, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway precaution issued related to this crash.

As of 8:20 p.m. PST, Comm-Center reports all tracks are being shut down.

As of 8:23 p.m. PST, Medical Engine 32 reports to Medical Ambulance 31 they can't locate, and they're searching along Goffs Road following the railroad. Reported party is stating to California Highway Patrol the semi truck is under bridge.

As of 8:27 p.m. PST, Medical Engine 32 telling Medical Ambulance 31 to make access from gas station.

As of 8:35 p.m. PST, Medical Engine 32 tells Comm-Center is not a crash, non-injuries and "somehow" got under the bridge and is on a railroad track; unclear which number railroad track the semi truck is on.

As of 8:49 p.m. PST, Station 32 is becoming available, and Medical Engine 18 is returning back to their station.

More information is still coming into ZachNews.

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