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City of Ontario
Ontario Fire Department

COMMERCIAL FIRE – 549 W. Holt Boulevard, Ontario CA 91764

The Ontario Fire Department received multiple 911 phone calls for an active fire to the rear of 549 W. Holt Boulevard at 8:40 PM on Sunday, April 3, 2016. The first arriving fire engine found a commercial building fully engulfed in fire and rapidly spreading to adjacent structures. There were 7-8 vehicles involved in the fire with multiple propane tanks explosions and several Southern California Edison (“Edison”) transformers destroyed. 5 fire engines, 3 truck companies combine with a total of 39 firefighters from the Ontario Fire Department and Chino Valley Independent Fire District, in addition to 6 overhead personnel aggressively fought the fire. Crews extended hose lines into Alex Furniture Store to prevent the spread of fire but extreme heat and smoke, along with a partial roof collapse required crews to take a defensive position at 9:03 PM. The fire was under control by 10:45 PM but required extensive overhaul of the building which will be on-going throughout the day. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported during this incident.

Electric power was disrupted to several homes in the area and the Webb Mobile Home Park. Edison was able to restore power to all homeowners by 1:30 AM on Monday, April 4, 2016.

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The fire appears to have originated in a vacant lumber yard, formerly operated as Ontario Lumber, but the cause remains under investigation at this time. The fire destroyed several buildings, including Alex Furniture Store. The combine dollar loss as a result of this fire is undetermined at this point of the investigation.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Art Andres, Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Marshal at (909) 241-1589.

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