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PRESS RELEASE

STRUCTURE FIRE

Thursday July 30, 2020

Thursday July 30, 2020 at approximately 2:30PM NACFD #1 Engines 311, 321, Battalion 3, Kingman FD Engines 231, 221 and Battalion 2 were dispatched to the report of a fully involved structure fire in the 3900 block of Northfield Ave. Upon arrival first arriving engines reported multiple structures on fire with very heavy fire conditions threatening others. Command was established by Battalion 3 that immediately struck a second alarm that activated the Mohave County Mutual Aid Pact. The fire quickly spread to other buildings and vehicles parked on the property. Units from Pinion Pines FD, Yucca FD and Golden Valley FD arrived to assist firefighters working in the 109-degree temperatures. Fire personnel worked to contain the fire to the property of origin, but because of the extremely heavy fire loads within the structures and property, the fire spread to other structures on adjacent properties. Command struck a third alarm to provide manpower to help the already taxed on scene firefighters. “We are normally able to handle this magnitude of fire with no problem, but throw in the extremely high temperatures, the whole scene becomes extremely dangerous for firefighters working the fire.” Units from Lake Havasu FD, Bullhead City FD, Desert Hills FD and Mohave Valley FD arrived to assist with fire personnel extinguishing the fire and to perform salvage and overhaul. At the end of the day, 4 structures were lost to include 3 occupied residences, 1 storage building as well as 10 vehicles. Three people were displaced by the fire, American Red Cross is assisting those people. No occupants or firefighters were injured during the blaze. Almost 40 fire personnel and chief officers from the area were involved throughout the incident. American Medical Response (AMR) provided two ambulances to cool and treat firefighters keeping them from heat exhaustion using cooling techniques including IV treatment. “We cannot thank the areas medical and fire agencies enough for helping as they did, it was because of this extra help, no firefighters were injured, and the fire was contained to the area that it was.” The fire remains under investigation at the time of this press release.

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