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HAZMAT
1500 N. Verdugo Road
Incident #GLN1603429
2/29/2016
11:03 a.m.

North Verdugo Hazardous Materials Response

On Monday, February 29, 2016 at 11:03 a.m., 10 Glendale Fire units (1 Battalion Chief, 3 engine companies, 1 truck company, 1 hazardous materials company, 1 air utility unit and 3 basic life support ambulances), along with a hazardous materials unit from the Burbank Fire department, under the command of Battalion Chief Thomas Marchant, responded to a hazardous material release located at 1500 N. Verdugo Boulevard in the City of Glendale.

Glendale Engine 26 arrived first on the scene to discover Glendale College Police Officers evacuating the second story of a two story educational building with a mechanical room located within the attic. Upon further investigation, classes located on the second floor were conducting chemical experiments when a malfunction in the ventilation system prohibited the proper removal of chemical gases from dissipating from within the building. The remainder of the building was evacuated while hazardous materials teams from Glendale and Burbank Fire Departments entered the building to investigate the chemical levels and properly ventilate the building. At approximately 1:30 p.m., the building was opened to the public.

Glendale Fire Department paramedics assessed five patients at the scene for injuries. Two patients were transported to a local medical facility for additional medical treatment, while three were released at the scene. Glendale police officers assisted with traffic control. The Glendale Fire Department resources were on scene for two hours and forty minutes.

The mission of the Glendale Fire Department is to protect life and property by providing the highest level of service to the community. For more information about the Glendale Fire Department, go to www.glendalefire.org.