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Apartment Fire
1344 N. Columbus Ave.
Incident #GLN1616015
10/30/16
5:43 a.m.

North Columbus Apartment Fire

On Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 5:43 a.m., twelve units from the Glendale Fire Department responded to a reported apartment fire located at 1344 North Columbus Avenue. Under the direction of Battalion Chief Thomas Marchant, responding personnel included six engine companies, two ladder truck companies, one air utility vehicle, and two basic life support ambulances, along with one Burbank Battalion Chief and one Burbank truck company.

Truck 26 was the first unit to arrive on scene and discovered smoke showing from the front of a two-story apartment complex. Upon further investigation, the fire was located at the rear of a second floor apartment unit and began to extend into a neighboring unit. Firefighters quickly deployed multiple hose lines and conducted ventilation to both limit the spread and extinguish the fire. In addition, firefighters evacuated the entire apartment complex. The fire was elevated to a second alarm fire at 5:58 a.m. and knock down of the fire was declared at 6:15 a.m., 22 minutes after units were dispatched to the scene.

Glendale Fire Department paramedics assessed five patients on scene for injuries and transported two of them with smoke inhalation to a local hospital for further medical attention.

The American Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents from both of the involved units. Glendale Police Department provided traffic and crowd control during the incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The estimated loss to the involved units was \$100,000 in structural damage and \$40,000 in contents destroyed. The Glendale Fire Department encourages residents to ensure sprinklers and smoke detectors are working properly on a regular basis. Glendale Fire Department resources were on scene for six hours and 18 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.