

San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Apartment Fire, 425 E. Bradley, El Cajon

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SYNOPSIS:

On October 6, 2020, at about 7:23 PM, Sheriff's Deputies responded to multiple radio calls of an apartment fire occurring at 425 E. Bradley Ave, unincorporated El Cajon. When deputies arrived, they observed a second story apartment fully ingulfed in flames. Deputies later learned no occupants were in the apartment when the fire started.

Deputies evacuated 10 apartments that were threatened by the fire. Deputies evacuated an additional 10 apartments directly south of where the fire occurred as a precaution. The San Miguel, Santee and El Cajon Fire Departments arrived on scene and were able to safely extinguish the fire.

After the fire department conducted their investigation and spoke to the occupants of the involved apartment, it appeared the kitchen stove was left on and unattended and is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

No citizens were injured as a result of the fire. One apartment sustained fire damage, one apartment sustained water damage and four apartments sustained water and smoke damage.

10 apartments to the south of the fire were repopulated with their residents. 10 apartments attached to the fire are still evacuated due to the electricity being deenergized. SDG&E is currently working to safely reenergize the affected apartments. The Red Cross arrived to assist the evacuated residence with resources. The Red Cross has set up a temporary staging area in the Kelly's Pub parking lot, located at 719 E. Bradley Ave, El Cajon.

At the time of this release, it appears as many as 20 residents who were affected by the fire will utilize the Red Cross's resources.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

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