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Moose Lodge Damaged in Blaze

Date/Time: **June 26, 2012, 2:05 a.m.**
Location: **Lucerne Valley Moose Lodge, 31800 block of Laramie Rd., Lucerne Valley**
Incident: **Commercial Fire**

Summary: San Bernardino County firefighters responded to an early morning 2-alarm fire at the Lucerne Valley Moose Lodge after residents reported seeing flames coming from the business. Upon arrival, the fire was burning to the front part of the business and had spread into the attic area of the 3,000 square foot butler style building.

Twenty-two firefighters aggressively fought the blaze and were successful in containing the fire to the restaurant and dining area, saving over 50% of the building, including the bar and lounge area to the rear of the facility. The 2 1/2 hour firefighting battle was no easy feat due to the lack of continuous water supply. This is a rural area with no fire hydrants. Firefighters used the limited supply of water from the fire engines, along with several water tenders to extinguish the blaze.

Four fire engines and several water tenders from San Bernardino County Fire were on scene. Apple Valley Fire and CalFire also responded with an engine to assist.

There were no exposures threatened. The business was closed and all occupants had left the facility at the time of the fire and no injuries were sustained.

The fire originated in the front portion of the dining area and is believed to have been caused by an electrical problem. The fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators. Damage to the facility is estimated at over \$400,000.

Photos are available at www.sbcfire.org under latest news.

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