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2nd Alarm Blaze Damages Hotel

Date/Time: **June 13, 2012, 7:26 a.m.**
Location: **Days Inn & Suites, 1200 block of Hospitality Lane, Needles**
Incident: **Commercial Fire**

Summary: San Bernardino County Fire received several calls stating there was smoke coming from the Days Inn & Suites. Upon firefighter arrival, flames were seen coming from the lobby area of the hotel and hotel guests were being evacuated.

Three fire hydrants in the vicinity of the hotel were inoperable, hindering firefighting efforts. Despite this obstacle, with an aggressive attack, 28 firefighters extinguished the 2nd alarm fire in 32 minutes, keeping the fire from spreading to the second floor and adjacent rooms.

The fire was contained to the lobby and several attached rooms of the manager's residence. Several hotel rooms sustained smoke damage, however only one of the rooms was occupied. Guests from approximately 20 hotel rooms were safely evacuated.

Structure and property damage is estimated in the thousands. The fire started in the lobby area of the hotel. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire Investigators.

Smoke alarms at the facility activated, alerting guests to the smoke. Staying in hotels, guesthouses or other accommodations usually means that you are less familiar with your surroundings. If a fire, or other emergency occurs, it may take you longer to escape than if had you been at home or work. Visit www.sbcfire.org for tips on how to keep you and your family safe while staying at one of these facilities. Remember, in the event of a fire, always use the stairs and not the elevator.

Thank you to our local fire department cooperators for their assistance: Mojave Valley FD, Ft. Mojave Indian Reservation FD, Bullhead City FD, Clark County FD, and the Golden Shores FD.

Photos will be posted at www.sbcfire.org at a later date.

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