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Early Morning Apartment Fire

Quick Response by Firefighters Contained Fire to a Single Unit

Orange, California, November 27, 2023 – At 3:26 AM, Orange City Fire units responded to a reported structure fire at 130 West Hoover Avenue. Upon arrival, Orange Engine 1 reported finding heavy smoke from the second story of a multi-family apartment complex. Orange Engine 1 assumed the role of Fire Attack and quickly extended a hose line to the front door of the involved second story unit. Orange Engine 1 confirmed all residents had evacuated the unit and began attacking the fire. Orange Battalion 1 assumed command of the incident and declared a working structure fire. Orange Battalion 1 assigned Orange Truck 2 to Ventilation Group, to perform vertical ventilation operations in coordination with Fire Attack. Orange Truck 2 went to the roof and quickly cut a ventilation hole allowing smoke and heated fire gases to escape. Conditions inside improved, allowing firefighters to advance further into the structure and extinguish the fire. As additional crews arrived, Orange Battalion 1 began assigning fire companies to key positions. Fire crews worked quickly to evacuate residents in neighboring units, secure utilities, and perform salvage operations. The fire was knocked down in twenty minutes and was contained to one unit. Two additional units sustained smoke and water damage during fire operations.

Twenty-seven fire personnel responded to the incident. The Orange City Fire Department received assistance from Anaheim Fire and Rescue, Orange County Fire Authority, Orange Police Department, Southern California Edison Company, Orange County Animal Control, and The American Red Cross. No civilian or fire personnel injuries were reported. Unfortunately, two cats perished in the fire and a total of eleven residents and one dog were displaced and referred to the Red Cross. The incident lasted approximately four hours and seventeen minutes. The fire's cause and damage estimate are under investigation.

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