

Commercial Structure Fire

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Incident Number: 14-1344

Information Contact: Douglas Miser, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Commercial Structure Fire

Date/Time of Incident: January 6, 2013, 11:30 PM

Incident Location: 100 Block Rocklite Road

Cause: Under investigation

Injuries: None reported

Number of Personnel: 16

Fire Equipment: 3 Medic Engines, 1 Truck company, 1 Battalion Chief, 1 Investigator, Fire Marshal

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Dept, Ventura PD

Damage Estimate: \$10,000 to structure, \$5,000 to contents

Fire Protection Systems Present: Not Applicable

Just before midnight, multiple residents on Comstock Drive flooded the Ventura County Fire Communications Center with reports of hearing loud explosions and witnessing large flames somewhere on the mostly industrial, Rocklite Road in West Ventura. First arriving fire crews, directed with the assistance of Ventura Police, located the fire in a large commercial complex-- home to a steel fabrication business.

Crews performed forcible entry through locked gates protecting the compound. Large flames fanned the exterior of the building-- fed by ruptured oxygen cylinders. Crews worked their way into the yard and knocked down the main body of the fire to the exterior, while additional arriving crews were assigned to check the interior and inspect for fire spread throughout the facility. The fire was contained after 16 minutes of aggressive firefighting and the blaze was kept to the area of origin.

The fire consumed an exterior utility room attached to the building and the fire did not commute to the interior of the structure. A fire investigator was summoned to the scene and the incident is currently under investigation. There were no reported injuries and the facility was left in the care of the property owners.





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