

Canoga Park Fire

Intense flames gutted a three-story apartment complex in Canoga Park

Photos by Juan Guerra

Intense flames gutted an under-construction, three-story apartment complex in Canoga Park early on July 7. Nearby buildings were spared destruction, but three firefighters were injured.

The LAFD was summoned to 7050 N. Vassar Ave. just after midnight to find an apartment complex on fire. The building was under various stages of construction with scaffolding reaching the third floor. Flames on top of the structure stretched more than 20 feet into the sky, exposing nearby buildings. Firefighters responded by rushing inside with hand-lines and aggressively cutting holes on the roof. Due to the diligent work of firefighters, the flames were extinguished in just more than one hour by nearly 100 Firefighters, all under the command of Battalion Chief Joseph Foley. Although nearby buildings were spared destruction, approximately seven units in nearby buildings were damaged, displacing some residents.



One Firefighter suffered a hand injury and was taken to a local hospital in fair condition, and placed off-duty. Two other Firefighters were evaluated, one for an eye injury, another for illness. Both remain on duty.

The cause of this early morning blaze remains under active investigation by the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section, and the dollar loss is still being tabulated.

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