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El Centro Fire Department, 1910 North Waterman Avenue, El Centro, CA

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EL CENTRO FIREFIGHTERS EXTINGUISH FIRE AT ABANDONED GAS STATION

On the early afternoon of May 14, 2017 shortly after 12 p.m., the El Centro Police & Fire Dispatch Center began receiving multiple 911 calls for a report of a gas station fire on the 200 block of N. 4th St. in the City of El Centro. The first El Centro Fire Department Engine Companies arrived on scene at 12:12 p.m., four minutes after the initial 911 call. They found a small outbuilding on the abandoned gas station property fully involved with fire.

El Centro Firefighters rapidly executed an aggressive fire attack deploying multiple hose lines. The fire fight began on the exterior of the structure; knocking down the large flames. Crews then transitioned to extinguishing the fire inside of the building. Firefighters protected the other buildings on the property and contained the fire to the initial structure.

Fire crews had the blaze under control within a few minutes. No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. El Centro Police Department, Imperial Irrigation District and So Cal Gas also assisted. El Centro Fire Department Investigators are currently working to determine the cause.

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