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

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## **SECOND ALARM STRUCTURE FIRE IN EL CENTRO**

On the late evening of Friday, August 11, 2017 at approximately 9:40 p.m., the El Centro Police & Fire Dispatch Center began receiving multiple 911 calls for a report of a residence on fire on the 800 block of Olive Ave. in the City of El Centro. The first El Centro Fire Department Engine Company arrived on scene at 9:43 p.m., three minutes after the initial 911 call, and found a residence with heavy smoke coming from the attic, creating a Second Alarm incident, requesting an additional Engine Company from Imperial County Fire Department.

El Centro Firefighters performed an offensive fire attack at 854 Olive Ave. A Battalion Chief and three Fire Engines from El Centro along with a Fire Engine from Imperial County extinguished the fire. Vertical ventilation using a chainsaw was accomplished to assist the firefighters. Flames were contained primarily to the attic with light smoke damage throughout the residence.

Fire crews remained on scene battling the blaze until about midnight. Over a dozen firefighters brought the fire under control. The residents were home at the time of the fire, but all escaped uninjured. No injuries to civilians or firefighters were reported. The Imperial Irrigation District, So Cal Gas and El Centro Police Department assisted throughout the incident. El Centro Fire Department Investigators are currently working to determine the cause.

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