



PRESS RELEASE

Benicia Fire Department

Date: April 24, 2016
To: For Immediate Release
Contact: Division Chief – K.C. Smith
Benicia Fire Department
Subject: Structure Fire – 300 Block of First Street

At approximately 12:38 PM, Benicia Fire units responded to reports of a structure fire at 333 First Street, also known as the Washington House complex. At 12:43 PM Benicia's Engine 11 arrived on scene and reported a working fire in the attic of the two story commercial structure. An offensive fire attack was performed and crews obtained a quick knock down of the fire while facing challenging conditions. The fire was brought under control in just over 1 hour. Fire Department resources worked throughout the afternoon performing salvage and overhaul. Benicia fire crews will be on scene throughout the night performing a fire watch, and checking for hot spots. Resources from Vallejo, Valero, Fairfield, Contra Costa, Crockett and Medic Ambulance all provided assistance for this three alarm incident. The fire damaged businesses located on both floors of the historic structure. There were no civilian or Fire Department injuries. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Benicia Fire Department fire investigation unit. As of this press release no damage estimate has been determined.



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