



***Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Incident Notification***

DATE: 12/25/2023

TIME OF ALARM: 8:44:00 AM

TYPE OF ALARM: Multi-Alarm Fire, Hazardous Materials Incident

LOCATION: 3979 Alhambra Ave. Martinez, CA

RESPONSE: Commercial Second Alarm: 8 Engines, 3 Trucks, 1 Rescue, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 1 Safety Officer, 1 Breathing Support, 1 District Chief

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Martinez PD, AMR, PGE, RHFD, SRVFD

TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 50

Contra Costa Fire responded to a reported commercial structure fire in an apartment building at 3979 Alhambra Ave in the City of Martinez. Truck 14 arrived on scene and reported 3 vehicles on fire in the carport extending up to the second and third floor of the building. Captain 14 quickly requested a second alarm due to the possible extension in the upper floors.

Firefighters initiated size-up, search, fire attack, and checked for extension in the upper floors. Five occupants were displaced from the involved and uninvolved units. All other units in the fire building were evacuated and searched. One resident was evaluated by AMR paramedics but was released at scene. There were no reported firefighter injuries.

The aggressive actions by initial arriving crews kept the majority of the fire to the carport/vehicles with some fire extension into one unit on the second floor. The four other affected units had only smoke and water damage from the exterior wall above the carport being extinguished. All apartments on each floor of the involved building had both primary and secondary searches performed, each reporting all clear of any victims. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Residents were displaced by this Christmas Day fire and were provided support from the Red Cross.

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