



City of Yuma Fire Department  
***Press Release***

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Subject: 2 Alarm House Fire

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On Sunday, August 25th, shortly before 7 p.m., the Yuma Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a palm tree on fire endangering a home in the 1400 block of Avenue C. Crews arrived to find a vacant home and approximately a 1-acre parcel of trees and brush actively burning. The fire also included approximately 60 inoperable vehicles.

Arriving crews were quickly overwhelmed by the size of the fire and the multiple endangered homes surrounding the fire. The Yuma Fire Incident Commander issued a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm dispatching a second round of fire engines. A “2<sup>nd</sup> alarm” is a call for additional fire engines to respond to the scene to assist with firefighting activities.

A total of 5 YFD Fire Engines, 1 YFD Ladder truck, 3 YFD Ambulances, and 4 YFD Battalion Chiefs arrived to assist in extinguishing the fire. In addition, the Yuma Fire Department received assistance from the Imperial County Fire Department, Rural Metro Fire Department, San Luis Fire Department, and Marine Corps Air Station Fire Department.

Crews were able to isolate the fire to the original lot with minimal damage to surrounding homes; a testament to the aggressive firefighting tactics employed by the firefighters. Crews utilized a defensive strategy, prioritizing the protection of nearby homes. Fire crews placed elevated hose lines in service, surrounding the fire and protecting the nearby structures. No injuries to civilians were reported; one firefighter was transported to a local hospital due to heat-related injuries.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Yuma Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Investigators.

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