

LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday May 18, 2014 at about 10:45 a.m., Lemoore police officers, the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department, and the Kings County Fire Department were dispatched to a call of an apartment fire at the Tanglewood Apartments at 265 E Hanford-Armona Road. Police officers arrived first and found several apartments were fully engulfed in flames. With the assistance of Kings County Sheriff's deputies, the Lemoore officers were able to evacuate all tenants in the burning building as well as the surrounding apartments.

The volunteer firefighters and Kings County firefighters fought the fire for about six hours, keeping it from spreading to additional apartment buildings. Sixteen apartments were destroyed as a result of the fire. The damage was so extensive that the building has been condemned.

Two tenants were treated on scene for minor injuries. A Lemoore police officer suffered from smoke inhalation. He was treated and released from the hospital. A firefighter received a minor injury and was treated on scene.

A Lemoore Police Department chaplain responded and was able to arrange for hotel rooms for the victims of the fire. The American Red Cross also responded to provide assistance to the displaced tenants.

Lemoore Volunteers in Policing were called in and assisted with traffic control during this incident. Sheriff's deputies assisted with handling patrol calls until additional Lemoore police officers could be called in.

Kings County Fire Investigators responded to the scene to try to determine the cause of the fire, which is still under investigation.

Anyone wishing to make donations can contact the American Red Cross at 1300 W. Shaw Ave., #4B Fresno, CA 93711, (559) 455-1000.