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Planned Parenthood building in El Centro caught on fire



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EL CENTRO, Calif. (KYMA, KECY) - A fire broke out at Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest's Imperial Valley Homan Health Center in El Centro.

According to a press release from Planned Parenthood, the fire broke out on Tuesday, August 15.



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The El Centro Fire Department (ECFD) says they responded to the fire at around 1:45am and that the building was engulfed in flames.

ECFD added that the fire started at the storage yard of the Salvation Army, and appliances from the Salvation Army were also on fire. However, the Salvation Army building did not catch on fire. The fire crews took about three hours to control the fire, and many of them saved a building that Planned Parenthood owned and was under renovation.

Aid from other Imperial Valley fire departments

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In addition to ECFD crews, other fire departments across the Imperial Valley responded and aided ECFD.

- Imperial Fire Department (IFD)
- Naval Air Facility El Centro (NAF-El Centro)
- Holtville Fire Department (HFD)
- Brawley Fire Department (BFD)

Other departments assisted ECFD, including the El Centro Police Department (ECPD), Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and SoCalGas.

ECFD says they did report any injuries from El Centro residents or firefighters.

The Planned Parenthood facility's Communications Director Sandra Duran says that they are currently trying to look for a temporary location to continue providing health services.