

Transformer fire leaves Vegas in dark

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LAS VEGAS -- The southern end of the Las Vegas Strip went dark Tuesday night after an electrical transformer caught fire, knocking out power for several hours. A number of hotels went dark after the fire but back-up generators restored lights in the casinos at the Four Seasons, the Luxor and Excalibur, KLAS-TV of Las Vegas reported. While the generators provided power for the casino floors, hotel rooms and elevators were in the dark for more than an hour. Fire crews were called in to free people trapped in elevators. Power was restored to most of the hotels, with the exception of the main tower at Mandalay Bay, by 11 p.m., KTNV-TV reported. Clark County Fire officials told KLAS-TV that a transformer near Harmon and Adurey caught fire just before 8 p.m. Crews from Nevada Power worked to determine what triggered the incident.

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