

CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT
INFORMATION
INCIDENT MEDIA RELEASE

DATE OF INCIDENT: 7/2/09 _____ DISPATCH TIME: 00:23 .

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Structure fire.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 331 Loma Ave., Capitola

OCCUPANT/OWNER OF PROPERTY: Tom Jones.

BRIEF SCENARIO OF INCIDENT: Early this morning, a 911 call was made reporting curtains on fire at this Capitola residence. A Capitola Police officer was first on the scene and reported that the building, a single family home, was fully involved in fire. Central Fire District personnel arrived on scene and confirmed that the structure was fully involved and called for a second alarm assignment. A coordinated fire attack by firefighters from Central Fire District and neighboring fire departments contained the fire to the home and prevented its spread to other nearby structures. According to the residents, they were awakened by the sound of a smoke alarm sounding and found fire in the curtains of their child's bedroom. One of the residents attempted to put out the fire with a portable extinguisher, but it continued to burn and quickly spread throughout the house. Most of the contents of the home were destroyed by fire. Fire also spread to an attached garage, damaging one vehicle. The residents, two adults and one child, were evacuated safely without injury.

INJURIES: N/A

FATALITIES: N/A.

TOTAL TIME TO CONTAIN: 20 minutes.

TOTAL TIME TO CONTROL: 45 minutes.

NUMBER OF CENTRAL UNITS AND PERSONNEL: Engines –3, Trucks – 1, Rescue vehicles – 2, Chief Officers – 2, Firefighters – 17, Fire Prevention Officer – 1.

AUTOMATIC AID/MATUAL AID USED: Aptos La Selva Fire – 2 engines, Santa Cruz City Fire – 1 engine and 1 truck, Scotts Valley Fire – 1 engine, American Medical Response – 1 field supervisor.

INVESTIGATION STATUS: The cause of the fire appears to be accidental. The point of origin appears to be a desk in the bedroom where a computer and printer were located.

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