

CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT
INFORMATION
INCIDENT MEDIA RELEASE

DATE OF INCIDENT: 05/21/10 _____ DISPATCH TIME: 01:39

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Structure fire.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 850 17th Avenue

OCCUPANT/OWNER OF PROPERTY: Richard Rivoir

BRIEF SCENARIO OF INCIDENT: Early this morning Central Fire District responded to several reports of flames seen on the roof of a building on 17th Avenue. The building turned out to be a garage behind a home located at 850 17th Avenue. Upon arrival to the scene, firefighters found the garage fully involved in fire. Firefighting operations kept the fire contained to the garage and prevented it from spreading to a nearby home and business. The residents of the adjacent residence were evacuated as a precaution. Effective firefighting and salvage effort saved much of the building's contents. The garage contained a small office and storage area. No injuries were reported.

INJURIES: N/A

FATALITIES: N/A.

TOTAL TIME TO CONTAIN: Fire was contained to the building of origin.

TOTAL TIME TO CONTROL: 30 minutes.

NUMBER OF CENTRAL UNITS AND PERSONNEL: Engines –3, Truck – 1, Rescue vehicles – 1, Chief Officers – 2, Firefighters – 13, Fire Prevention Officer – 1.

AUTOMATIC AID/MATUAL AID USED: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department for traffic control.

INVESTIGATION STATUS: The cause of the fire has been determined to be accidental and is still under investigation. The fire appears to have originated in an attic storage area. The property owner stated that no one had been in the building recently.

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