



PRESS RELEASE

TURLOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

Turlock – Turlock City Fire Department responded to the report of a working residential structure fire on the 200 block of West Avenue South at 9:58 P.M. on October 3, 2019. At the time of dispatch, Turlock Fire Department resources were already on scene and committed to a smoldering fire in the attic of a residence on the 800 block of Alpha Road.

Turlock City Fire crews arrived on scene to find a large fire between a two-story residence and the detached garage on an adjacent property which was actively spreading into both the residence and the garage. Turlock firefighters conducted a defensive operation, deploying a hose line to try and limit the fire spread to the surrounding buildings. Firefighters worked tirelessly to knock down the main body of the fire and stop its forward progress. A second Turlock City Fire engine was able to clear the previous incident, making entry into the two-story residence upon arrival. They immediately began to extinguish the fire spread which had started in both first and second story bedrooms.

All occupants of the residence had safely evacuated prior to the fire department's arrival with no reported injuries. Red Cross arrived on-scene and assisted the family of six who were displaced due to the damage the fire caused. One firefighter was treated and released on-scene for heat exhaustion.

Turlock City Fire responded to the scene with one engine, Utility 5, and a battalion chief, while also requesting mutual aid assistance from Stanislaus County. Ceres Fire Department responded to the incident with one engine, a quint, and a battalion chief as part of a resource sharing agreement. These incoming resources assisted with fire attack, salvaging personal belongings, and checking the remainder of the structures to ensure there was no further fire spread.

Turlock Rural Fire Protection District provided city coverage during the incident and responded to multiple emergencies within the city. Turlock Irrigation District and PG&E responded to assist with securing utilities and an AMR unit responded to provide medical care to the injured firefighter and any possible victims.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Any inquiries regarding the investigation should be directed to Fire Marshal Mark Gomez at 209 669-2119 or mgomez@turlock.ca.us.

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