



Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Battalion 2

Incident Notification

DATE: August 22, 2018

TIME OF ALARM: 2109 hrs.

TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire

LOCATION: 2161 California in Concord

RESPONSE: 5 Type 1 Engines, 1 Truck Company, 1 Breathing Support Unit, 2 Battalion Chiefs, 1 Fire Investigator

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Con EMS, Concord P.D., PG & E, Red Cross, Animal Services

TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 24

A single alarm working fire was reported near Fremont Street in Concord. Upon arrival, Engine 6 (Concord) reported heavy fire involvement at the rear of a duplex. With the quick actions of Engine 6 and a coordinated effort with aggressive fire attack by interior fire crews, the main body of the fire was knocked down quickly. However, the duplex had an extremely high fire load and a common attic with blown in insulation. This committed all responding fire crews to extensive overhaul. While the fire was contained to the original unit of origin, the common attack, large fire load, and blown in insulation made it necessary to remove all the ceiling sheet rock and insulation in both the involved fire unit and the unit that was uninvolved. All crews were on scene for well over three hours.

During the initial firefight, a firefighter sustained a significant arm injury and was transported to the ER. He was sent home for the remaining shift and is recovering. Additionally, one dog was found not breathing in the fire unit. Crews attempted to resuscitate but were unsuccessful. Six adults were displaced and cared for by Red Cross.

The cause of the fire is undetermined at the time of this writing.

Feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions regarding this incident.

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