



Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Battalion 2

Incident Notification

DATE: December 30, 2018

TIME OF ALARM: 0423 hrs.

TYPE OF ALARM: Structure Fire

LOCATION: 2332 Banberry Loop in Martinez

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

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Con EMS., PG & E, Martinez PD

TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 25

A single alarm working fire was reported at 2332 Banberry Loop in Martinez. Upon arrival, Engine 9 reported smoke and flames from the front of a single story house that was quickly extending into the attic. Additionally, it was discovered that the gas meter had burned through and was feeding the fire that extended into the garage. A well-coordinated fire attack by Engine, 9(Pacheco), 13(Martinez), and 6(Concord) on the interior of the house, with Engine 5(Pleasant Hill) shutting the involved gas meter off, enabled crews to declare knock down on the fire within 20 minutes. All units assigned to the fire were committed to checking for extension in the house, searching for victims, providing water supply, ventilating the house and overhauling the structure to ensure that the fire was completely extinguished.

Early in the incident the garage roof collapsed and because of a heavy fire load, crews were on scene for an extended period of time. Two cats were rescued from the house. 9 adults were displaced.

The cause of the fire is believed to be started by an exterior fire close to the gas meter that fed up through the exterior fire wall and into the garage.

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

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