

INFORMATION
INCIDENT MEDIA RELEASE

DATE OF INCIDENT: 11/17/09 DISPATCH TIME: 00:07

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Structure fire

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2240 Muriel Drive

OCCUPANT/OWNER OF PROPERTY: Robert and Elizabeth Minvielle

BRIEF SCENARIO OF INCIDENT: At approximately 00:07 this morning multiple 911 calls were made to SCCECC to report a building on fire at the above address. Central Fire District personnel arrived to find a garage, fully involved in fire, attached to a single family home. Two vehicles that were parked directly in front of the garage were also on fire. Firefighters made an exterior attack on the fire through the garage door opening which the fire had burned through. An additional crew made an interior attack from the kitchen to prevent the spread of fire into the home. The fire was contained to the garage area, brought under control and extinguished. There was heat and smoke damage throughout the house with the exception of rooms that had closed doors. The garage and two vehicles were completely damaged by fire. Equipment that was used for an engraving business, operated out of the garage, was destroyed as well. After working late in the garage/office, the homeowners reported hearing popping and cracking sounds coming from the garage before going to sleep. The home had been burglarized approximately one week ago and they went to the garage to investigate the noises. Upon opening the interior door to the garage, they discovered the fire and evacuated the home. There were no injuries reported by either occupant.

INJURIES: None TRANSPORTED TO: N/A

FATALITIES: None

TOTAL TIME TO CONTAIN: 20 minutes

TOTAL TIME TO CONTROL: 2 hours

NUMBER OF CENTRAL UNITS AND PERSONNEL: 1 Chief Officer, 13 firefighters, 10 paid-call firefighters, 1 fire prevention officer, 3 engines, 1 truck, 1 rescue vehicle, 1 support vehicle

AUTOMATIC AID/MATUAL AID USED: CHP – 1 patrol officer, SC County Sheriff – 3 deputies (traffic control)

INVESTIGATION STATUS: The fire cause has been determined to be accidental and is under investigation.

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