

CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT
INFORMATION
INCIDENT MEDIA RELEASE

DATE OF INCIDENT: 5/25/10 DISPATCH TIME: 14:37

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 4870 Emerald Street

OCCUPANT/OWNER OF PROPERTY: Steve Ramm

BRIEF SCENARIO OF INCIDENT: Central Fire District personnel responded to a reported structure fire at this address this afternoon. Heavy brown smoke was reported to be coming from the roof of the home. Upon arrival, firefighters found heavy smoke coming out of the chimney and smoke alarms sounding. There was smoke inside the home as well and the occupants were evacuated. Extensive fire was found in the fireplace and flue and was quickly extinguished. Burnt debris was removed from the fireplace; the home was ventilated and turned over to the residents.

INJURIES: _N/A_ TRANSPORTED TO: _N/A_.

FATALITIES: _N/A_.

TOTAL TIME TO CONTAIN: Fire was contained to fireplace and chimney.

TOTAL TIME TO CONTROL: 15 minutes.

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

AUTOMATIC AID/MATUAL AID USED: Capitola Police Department for traffic control.

INVESTIGATION STATUS: The cause of the fire appears to be ignition of soot buildup on the interior of the chimney. The fire has been determined to be accidental.

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