



PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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Stolen Vehicle Chase Ends with Accident at Redwood High School

On Sunday, November 2, 2013 at 12:35 a.m. an engine was dispatched to the Redwood High School campus located at 1001 W. Main Street for a possible vehicle fire. Upon arrival a vehicle was located at the corner of Conyer and Acequia on the Redwood High School campus. Upon further investigation the engine crew observed that the vehicle that was not on fire, but had crashed into an above ground solar generator that was arcing and smoking. Southern California Edison was notified and the suspect who had stolen the vehicle in the downtown area was out of the vehicle, not injured, and arrested for driving under the influence. Redwood High School officials were notified and once the power to the above ground generator was secured by Edison the vehicle was removed with no incidents. The estimated damage to the generator was approximately \$15,000 and \$8,000 to the vehicle.

A total of one engine and one Battalion Chief responded to the incident fire for a total of four firefighters. Power to the high school will be off until the school district can have an electrician make repairs to the solar generator.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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