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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Duplex Fire Results in Smoke Inhalation to One Occupant

Early Sunday morning, March 2, 2014 at 6:37 a.m. the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire located at 529 W. Noble Avenue. Upon arrival, the first fire unit observed dark smoke coming out of the front door of a single story multi-family duplex.

Fire crews made a quick fire attack to knock the fire down in a back bedroom, in which the only occupant was sleeping and was able to get out of prior to our arrival. The female occupant was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center and treated for possible smoke inhalation.

The fire was contained with 10 minutes and then crews went into the overhaul stage to make sure the contents and building were completely extinguished. Three fire engines, one ladder truck, and one Battalion Chief responded for a total of 13 personnel. The property value of the duplex was approximately \$130,000 and there was approximately \$30,000 damage to the property and \$10,000 damage to the contents as a result of the fire.

The fire was contained to the one unit which sustained moderate fire and smoke damage. The unit next door at 527 W. Noble didn't sustain any fire or smoke damage.

The cause of the fire was improperly discarded smoking materials while in bed.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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