



PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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A Candle Starts a House Fire in East Visalia

Early Saturday morning, March 8, 2014 at 6:00 a.m. the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire located at 1932 E. Douglas Avenue. The first fire unit that arrived observed light smoke coming out the front of a single-story single family residence.

Fire crews made a quick entry and extinguished a small fire in a closet of one of the bedrooms. There were five occupants that were asleep at the time of the fire, but everyone was able to get out of the house prior to our arrival.

The fire was contained with 5 minutes and then crews overhauled the bedroom area to make sure all of the contents that were in it 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 house was approximately \$90,000 and there was approximately \$1,000 damage to the property and \$1,000 damage to the contents as a result of the fire.

The cause of the fire was a candle that was burning throughout the night on a dresser which then ignited some materials next to it.

There were no injuries to any of the residents or firefighters at this incident.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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