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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Exhaust Fan Causes Damage to House in Northwest Visalia

On Friday morning, March 14, 2014 at 11:03 a.m. the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire located at 516 N. Cottonwood. The first fire unit that arrived didn't observe any smoke or fire coming from the outside of a single-story single family residence.

Two fire crews went inside and found the hall bathroom exhaust fan charred and still glowing due to being overheated. The electricity to the house was secured and the exhaust fan was removed while also finding the insulation burning around it.

All occupants were outside the house prior to our arrival and there were no injuries reported at this incident.

Three fire engines, one ladder truck, two Battalion Chiefs, and one Administrative Captain responded for a total of 15 personnel. The property value of the house was approximately \$250,000 and there was approximately \$5,000 damage to the property caused by the exhaust fan.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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