



# PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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## Detached Garage Fire Threatens Houses in North Visalia

On Sunday afternoon, April 6, 2014 at 4:04 p.m. the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire located behind 1311 N. Hall Street. The first fire unit arrived and observed heavy fire and smoke coming from the rear of a single story single family house located at 1311 North Park Street.

The fire crew then deployed hose lines down a driveway and made the initial fire attack on a fully involved detached garage. The fire was extending along wooden fence lines and then it caught a second shed on fire along with some chicken coupes in a neighbor's backyard. Multiple fire crews deployed additional hose lines to protect and extinguish the second shed and fence lines on fire. There was only minimal damage to the house next to the garage and the house next door to the immediate north of the fire. During fire operations an overhead electrical line was burned and came down and rested on a cyclone fence. It was immediately identified and fire personnel marked it off in order to make sure that nobody came in contact with it. The Edison Company was notified and requested to expedite their response to the fire scene.

The five occupants of the residence were not home at the time of the fire and returned to the scene after the crews had the fire under control. No injuries were reported to any civilians or fire personnel. There were 4 chickens in a neighbor's backyard at 1315 N. Park Street that perished due to the fire.

The fire caused approximately \$27,000 in property damage to the one house, the detached garage, a small storage shed, and wooden fence lines separating four adjoining properties. Approximately \$125,000 was saved by preventing the fire from extending to the primary residence and its contents.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and is undetermined at the time of this press release.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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