



PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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Welding Accident Causes Attic Fire in North Visalia

On Tuesday afternoon, April 15, 2014 at 4:29 p.m. the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire located at 2446 W. Sedona Avenue. The first fire unit arrived and observed light smoke showing from the attic vents on the second story a single family house. Fire crews were informed prior to arrival that all of the occupants had vacated the house prior to our arrival.

The first fire crew deployed a hose line to the second story and then pulled down some ceiling to check for fire extension in the attic space. A residential fire sprinkler located in the attic area was activated and contained the fire from extending any further. The fire was contained within 5 minutes of arrival.

Five fire units initially responded along with two Chief Officers for a total of 17 fire personnel. No injuries were reported to any civilians or fire personnel.

The fire caused approximately \$60,000 in property damage to the house. There was approximately \$2,000 damage to the contents. Approximately \$270,000 was saved by preventing the fire from extending any further.

The cause of the fire was a welding accident while repairs were being made to the air conditioner.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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