



PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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Storm Event Causes Damage to Houses in Visalia

On Friday evening, April 25, 2014 starting at approximately 8:30 p.m. the Visalia Fire Department responded to multiple calls in which trees had fallen on three different houses within 20 minutes. There were a total of 10 calls for service within a one-hour time frame. The three incidents involving fallen trees occurred in the 100 block of N.E. First Street, the 100 block of S. Elm Street, and the 2300 block of S. Dollner Street. In all three incidents there was approximately \$20,000 in damage to the houses and a detached garage.

There were no injuries to any of the residents of the houses, but electrical lines and a gas line were damaged and both utility companies had to be notified to respond to assist fire crews with mitigation of the incidents. At one point all seven of the fire crews within the city were committed to emergencies and a request was placed for Tulare County to assist with city coverage. Visalia units then became available to handle the pending emergencies in the city and the request for mutual aid was cancelled.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief

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