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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Next-door Neighbor Extinguishes Kitchen Fire in North Visalia Home

At 10:10 A.M. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, fire personnel responded for a residential structure fire on the 2500 block of North Bradley Street. Upon arrival of the first fire unit light smoke was observed coming from a single-story house. The fire crew found that a kitchen fire that had been extinguished and was still smoldering. It was discovered that the next-door neighbor had heard a smoke alarm sounding and saw smoke coming from the house. He quickly found a garden hose in the backyard and found an open door and extinguished the kitchen fire prior to the arrival of the fire department. The resident was not home, but his dog was and removed from the house and taken next door.

Three engines, one truck, one Chief Officer were dispatched but only one engine and truck were needed to complete the extinguishment and evacuate smoke from the structure. A total of 14 personnel were responding, but only seven were needed to handle the incident.

No civilian or fire personnel injuries were reported. There was an estimated \$10,000 in damage to the structure and approximately \$1,000 in damage to the contents in the building. The value of the property saved was approximately \$260,000 The cause of the fire is undetermined and under investigation.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief