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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Garage Fire Damages Two-Story Triplex In Visalia

At 3:51 P.M. on Saturday, April 2, 2022, fire personnel responded for a residential structure fire on the 600 block of South Pinkham Street. Prior to the fire department's arrival reports were received that the residents were still inside the house. Upon arrival the first engine reported heavy smoke coming from a two-story apartment. It was confirmed that the occupants were all out of the house, so a quick fire attack was set up and made through the front door. The fire had extended into the kitchen area but was contained to the first floor. The second story was checked for extension, but none was found. The two other attached units were also checked for any signs of extension, but none were located.

Three engines, one truck, and one Chief Officer responded to the incident for a total of 13 personnel.

No civilian or fire personnel injuries were reported. There was an estimated \$100,000 in damage to the structure and there was approximately \$10,000 in damage to the contents in the building. The value of the property saved was approximately \$115,000. The cause of the fire is undetermined and under investigation, the fire but originated in the garage.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief