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City of Visalia Fire Department

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## Fire Damages Apartment Building and Displaces Family

On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 2:59 pm, the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to an apartment on fire in the 600 block of E. Houston. Upon the arrival of the first fire unit, they found a two-story apartment building with moderate smoke showing from a first-floor apartment. Bystanders advised that someone may still be inside the apartment. Fire crews immediately entered the apartment to check for victims and extinguish the fire. The fire was quickly contained, and fire crews were unable to locate any victims. Upon further investigation we determined that all occupants had escaped the apartment prior to our arrival. The fire caused an estimated \$25,000 in damage, and there were no injuries. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. Four fire engines, one ladder truck and three chief officers responded to the incident with a total of eighteen personnel. Five occupants were displaced by the fire and Red Cross responded to assist the family.

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