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City of Visalia Fire Department

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## **Fire in Exterior Wall Damages Home in North Visalia**

At 1:08 P.M. on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, personnel from the Visalia Fire Department were dispatched to a residential structure fire in the 800 block of North Hall Street. Upon arrival the first fire unit reported light smoke coming from the attic eaves from a single-story residential house. The first engine arrived and went inside to search for the source of the smoke but found most of the house to be clear and then found smoke in the kitchen area. A second fire crew found an area in an exterior wall that was showing signs of a fire behind it. The exterior wall was opened up and structural members were on fire causing the smoke to enter the attic area. The fire was extinguished, and the wall was overhauled to prevent any further extension. There was no fire extension to any other portion of the house.

It was confirmed that there were no occupants in the house because one of the tenants was outside prior to our arrival.

Three engines, one truck, one Chief Officer, and two Administrative Captains responded to the incident for a total of 15 personnel.

The cause of the fire is to be accidental and is under investigation, the fire originated in the exterior wall the residence.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief