



PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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Fire In Attic Causes Damage to North Visalia Home

At 10:36 P.M. on Thursday, December 1, 2022, personnel from the Visalia Fire Department were dispatched to a residential structure fire in the 1800 block of West Lark Avenue. Upon arrival the first fire unit reported no fire or smoke showing from the exterior and the occupants had self-evacuated. Upon investigating the interior there was light haze of smoke and then an area in the attic was discovered to have a high heat signature after utilizing a thermal imaging camera. Fire crews then began to pull the ceiling near that area and extinguished a small fire and smoldering insulation material. Due to the outside electrical panel being tampered with prior to our arrival and not being able to secure it, fire crews had to conduct fire operations cautiously from inside the house. There was no fire extension to any other portion of the house.

Two engines, two trucks, and one Chief Officer responded to the incident for a total of 13 personnel.

The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical in nature and is under investigation, the fire originated in the attic space of the residence.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief