



PRESS RELEASE

City of Visalia Fire Department

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Exterior Fire of Central Visalia Business Quickly Contained

At 5:13 A.M. on Saturday, February 11, 2023, personnel from the Visalia Fire Department were dispatched to a structure fire in the 500 block of North Locust Street. Upon arrival the first fire unit reported an exterior fire near an entrance under a porch of a house that was converted to a business. The crew quickly contained the fire, but the interior of the business was checked by other fire crews for any extension. No fire extension was found on the interior of the business.

Fire crews then began to pull roofing material from the porch that sustained moderate fire damage. Due to the electrical panel being in a separate building the electricity couldn't be secured until Southern California Edison arrived.

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

The cause of the fire is undetermined and under investigation. The fire caused approximately \$15,000 in property damage and no contents were damaged.

Approved By: Darrin Hughes, Battalion Chief