

Residential Structure Fire

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Incident Number: 14-0022424

Information Contact: Kris McDonald, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Residential Structure Fire

Date/Time of Incident: April 16th, 2:55 AM

Incident Location: 700 Block of Cedar Street, Ventura, CA

Cause: See below

Injuries: None

Number of Fire Personnel: 25

Fire Equipment: 5 Paramedic Engines, 1 Paramedic Truck, 3 Command, 1 Ambulance, 1 Investigator, 1 Fire Marshal, 1

Prevention Specialist

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura Police Department, American Medical Response, Red Cross, Gas Company, Edison

Occupants of a residential apartment unit evacuated after waking up to heavy smoke in the living room and kitchen area. Firefighters arrived on scene of the 2-story multi-unit apartment complex, with smoke showing, and made entry into the involved unit. A rapid, coordinated fire attack achieved immediate knockdown of the flames and prevented significant damage through extension into adjoining apartments. 3 adults and 3 children were displaced due to the apartment being untenable as a result of fire damage. Functioning smoke alarms were not present at the time of the fire and occupants were very fortunate to have escaped unharmed. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. No injuries were reported.

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