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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Residential Structure Fire

On Thursday July 8 2010 at 2047 hours Visalia Fire Department responded to a vacant residential structure fire at 1012 N. Rinaldi. On arrival the first fire unit had one detached garage fully engulfed with flames. The fire was spreading to the house and threatening a structure directly south. Fire units arrived and began fire attack from all directions minimizing the spread of fire to the adjacent structures.

Fire crews made entry in the structure to ensure an all clear of any possible occupants, none were located. Edison and Gas company were requested to the scene to secure the utilities. One power line was down and threatening fire operations. Edison arrived on scene and secured the power to the residence. The fire was extinguished to both structures. Fire crews remained on scene for approximately two and a half hours for overhaul and investigation.

Damage estimate loss was estimated $70,000 with $2,000 content loss. The structure to the south sustained minor damage from fire spread. The area of origin was located in the garage and with an unknown cause (under investigation). No injuries to fire personnel and civilians were sustained during this incident.

The Visalia Fire Department responded with the following apparatus; Battalion 57, Engine 51, Engine 52, Engine 54, Engine 56, Truck 51, and Truck 55

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