

REDWOOD CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: Aug 17, 2003
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 710 Bair Island Rd #404
NATURE: Flooding Condition
TIME: 9:04 AM
UNITS ON SCENE: One Alarm
3 Engine Companies
1 Truck Company
1 Battalion Chief
INJURIES: None
CAUSE: Broken fire sprinkler in an apartment
STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ 6,000
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 3,000

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters responded to a report of a water flow alarm in the building. Upon arrival they found the alarm sounding and the residences of the complex had evacuated. Upon entering the building firefighters were informed that a sprinkler had been broken off in apartment #404. Firefighters gained entry into the apartment and found the sprinkler flowing. Firefighters immediately shut off the water to the sprinklers in the building and started to assist with cleanup. The water had spread to the two floors below the affected unit. Firefighters covered furniture and vacuumed up the water to minimize damage.

The flooding was caused by a plant that was hanging on a fire sprinkler in the apartment.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Krause