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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: October 4, 2004
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 615 Canyon #2
NATURE: Structure fire
TIME: 1:09 PM
UNDER CONTROL: 1:23 PM
UNITS ON SCENE: Two Alarms
6 Engine Companies
2 Truck Companies
4 Battalion Chiefs
3 Fire Investigators
INJURIES: One fatality
CAUSE: Under Investigation by Fire Prevention

STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ 10,000
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 5,000

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire with a possible rescue. A 2nd alarm was called because of the report of the first unit on scene and the possible rescue.

Upon firefighters arrival, they found black smoke coming from the floors two & three of the three story apartment house. Firefighters made an aggressive attack and confined the fire to the area of origin. They found the victim in the living room of the apartment involved. They carried him to the exterior of the building and they determined that the victim had expired. Units from South County Fire Authority, Woodside Fire District and the California Department of Forestry also assisted with the incident.

There was a smoke detector in the apartment; however it was not in working condition at the time of the fire. Please remember that a properly working smoke detector gives you the best chance to exit a residence when it is full of smoke. In 2003 there were 3925 civilian fire deaths in the United States alone. This was an increase of 16.1% over the previous year. Over 80% or 3125 of these fire deaths occurred in the home. This reflects an increase of 17.8% over the previous year.

The cause of death will be determined by the San Mateo County Coroners office.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Krause