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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: January 30, 2005
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 50 Finger Ave
NATURE: Structure fire
TIME: 2:36 PM
UNDER CONTROL: 3:21 PM
UNITS ON SCENE: Two Alarms
6 Engine Companies
2 Truck Companies
3 Battalion Chiefs
INJURIES: None reported
CAUSE: Under Investigation by Fire Prevention
STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ 55,000
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 15,000

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters along with South County Fire Authority responded to a report of a tree fire, and upon arrival they found three out buildings involved in fire. The large trees adjacent to the outbuildings caught fire and started the roof of the main house on fire. A second alarm was called and staged while units on scene investigated for extension into the main house. It was contained to the roof area only. While firefighters extinguished the fire, they searched the main residence and found that there was no one home. There was a renter home in the cottage to the rear. He had heard a pop and found the fire burning outside his residence.

It is unknown whether there was a working smoke detector in the residence at the time of the fire. If there had been a detector in the outbuildings, it would have alerted the residence of the smoke. 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 is under investigation by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Krause