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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: November 22, 2005
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 800 Main St
NATURE: Structure fire
TIME: 12:55 AM
UNDER CONTROL: 1:42 AM
UNITS ON SCENE: Two Alarms
9 Engine Companies
3 Truck Companies
6 Battalion Chiefs
INJURIES: None
CAUSE: Under Investigation by Fire Prevention

STRUCTURE DAMAGE: $ 75,000
CONTENTS DAMAGE: $ 30,000

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters responded to a fire alarm sounding in the building, and upon arrival they found the occupants had self evacuated the 53 unit, three story hotel. Firefighters were told by the manager that there was some smoke coming from an electrical wall outlet on the second floor. After further investigation firefighters found the fire on the first floor directly under the reported location on the second floor. A second alarm was called to assist in extinguishing the fire, evacuating the remaining occupants and to check for extension in the upper floors. The fire was contained to the unit of origin with some smoke damage to the second and third floors. Firefighters used their thermal imaging camera to check for fire extension and found none. All residents of the 53 units in the hotel were able to return to their rooms. Fire units from South County Fire, Woodside, Menlo Park and representatives from the Red Cross all assisted in mitigating the incident.

The manager manually sounded the fire alarm in the building to alert the residents. It is unknown whether there was a working smoke detector in the unit 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 is under investigation by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Krause