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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 21, 2006
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 627 Manzanita
NATURE: Structure fire
TIME: 7:30 PM
UNDER CONTROL: 7:44 PM
UNITS ON SCENE: Two Alarms
7 Engine Companies
2 Truck Companies
3 Battalion Chiefs
INJURIES: No injuries
CAUSE: Under Investigation by Fire Prevention
STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ 400,000
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 40,000

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters along with other San Mateo County Fire agencies responded to a report of a fire in an apartment building. Upon arrival they found a fast moving fire engulfing the first and second floors of the two story building. Because of a report of a possible rescue a second alarm was called to assist in controlling and extinguishing the fire. No firefighters or civilians were injured in this fire. The fire was contained to the building of origin, but severely damaged two of the four apartments in the building. Firefighters used their thermal imaging camera to check for fire extension. All four of the units were uninhabitable and the residents were displaced. The Red Cross assisted in finding shelter for the 22 displaced residents.

It is unknown whether there was a working smoke detector in the building 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 Jim Skinner