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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: July 23, 2006
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 830 Main St.
NATURE: Excessive heat buildup due to weather conditions
TIME: 7:17 P.M.
UNDER CONTROL: 8:55 P.M.
UNITS ON SCENE: 1 Engine Company
1 Truck Company
1 Battalion Chief
INJURIES: Two civilians, one with difficulty breathing and one with a 106 degree temp
CAUSE: Extremely hot weather conditions

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters responded to a reported medical emergency for an elderly person having trouble breathing. When firefighters entered the third floor of the building they encountered over 100 degree temperatures inside the hallway. As they entered the patient's apartment they were met with even hotter conditions. They treated the patient who was then transported to the hospital. Less than 30 minutes later they were called back to the same building for another medical emergency. This patient's body temperature reached 106 degrees. The fire officer asked for assistance from other fire companies to assist in cooling down the building. Firefighters set up large fans on the affected floors and did a room by room search of the building to check on the other occupants welfare. It took almost two hours to circulate air throughout the affected areas and to cool the building down to a bearable level. Two fans were left in place for the evening to keep the air circulating.

During this time of extreme heat conditions it is imperative to keep hydrated and to try and stay in other areas that provide some type of air cooling.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Krause