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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: February 4, 2007
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 548 Sapphire Street, Redwood City
NATURE: Structure fire / Single Family Residence
TIME: 3:30 AM
UNDER CONTROL: 3:43 AM
UNITS ON SCENE: 5 Engine Companies
1 Truck Company
2 Battalion Chiefs

INJURIES: None
CAUSE: Unattended candle

STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$20,000
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 2,000

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters along with crews from Woodside and Belmont/San Carlos Fire Departments responded to a report of a structure fire at 548 Sapphire Street at approximately 3:30 AM today. Upon arrival they found a two story home with a rear deck on fire. The fire was impinging on the home threatening the occupants. Light smoke conditions were present throughout the structure. The occupants were alerted to the fire by an unknown reason and were very lucky to have escaped this fire unharmed. Smoke detectors in the home did not activate.

The cause of the fire is believed to be from an unattended candle left burning on a whicker table on the rear deck.

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that 3,675 people died in fires in the United States in 2005. Although the number of fires increased 3.3% from 2004, the overall number of deaths decreased by 5.8% in 2005. Home Fires continue to be the number one cause of fire deaths. It is critical that every home and apartment is equipped with a working smoke detector, and that the batteries are changed at least twice a year. It is also important to have an escape plan and to practice it on a regular basis.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Jim Skinner