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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 10th, 2007
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 475 Redwood Ave #5
NATURE: Structure fire
TIME: 8:20 PM
UNDER CONTROL: 8:33 PM
UNITS ON SCENE: One Alarm
5 Engine Companies
1 Truck Companies
2 Battalion Chiefs
INJURIES: No injuries
CAUSE: Under Investigation by Fire Prevention

STRUCTURE DAMAGE: \$ 50,000
CONTENTS DAMAGE: \$ 20,000

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters along with Menlo Park Firefighters, responded to a report of a fire in an apartment building at Hess Rd. and Poplar Ave. Upon arrival, the first company observed smoke coming from an apartment building, but had difficulty locating the involved unit. With assistance from Redwood City Police officers, the fire was located in apartment #5 and quickly extinguished. No firefighters or civilians were injured in this fire. The fire was contained to the apartment of origin with the smell of smoke in units above. A neighbor with a garden hose was able to apply water to the fire from his backyard which prevented the fire from being more severe than it was. The apartment occupants were not home at the time of the fire and will not be able to re-occupy their unit for some time. The apartment manager was able to locate a vacant unit so the occupants were not in need of housing assistance.

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: Captain David Raymaker