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## **ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT**

DATE OF INCIDENT: July 23, 2008  
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 1437 Regent Street., Redwood City  
NATURE: Power Pole Down, Multiple Live Wires Down  
TIME: 11:04 AM  
UNDER CONTROL: 12:32 PM (Wires De-energized by PG&E)  
FIRE UNITS ON SCENE:

5 – Engine Companies  
1 – Truck Company  
3 – Battalion Chiefs  
22 – Total Personnel

### **SYNOPSIS OF ALARM:**

Redwood City Firefighters along with Firefighters from Menlo Park and Woodside responded to a report of energized wires down in the street, accompanied by a possible vehicle accident with a subject trapped, and a vegetation fire that was endangering a structure.

Upon their arrival, Firefighters found that an Allied Waste Management Truck had become entangled with telephone and possibly Cable TV wires which were suspended across the street. As the Waste Truck drove down the street, the wires became progressively tighter, which caused a Power Pole in front of 1437 Regent Street to be pulled to the point of snapping in half. In the process of breaking, the lines which supply power, telephone, and Cable TV services to approximately 14 homes and apartment buildings, as well as all the wires suspended by the Power Pole, were pulled from their supports and ended up on the ground. Power to the PG&E lines was still active, which caused arcing and sparking of these lines and caused two small fires, both of which self extinguished.

Downed power, telephone, and cable lines were draped across vehicles, front yards of homes, and the street. Firefighters concentrated their initial efforts on insuring there were no fires burning inside any homes due to arcing wires, exterior fires were controlled, and that all the occupants of the involved properties were safe. Fire crews then stood by until the arrival of PG&E. Once PG&E arrived on scene and secured the power, Fire crews cleared the scene. Red Cross was contacted to assist residents of one apartment building where power could be out for an extended period of time due to a damaged weatherhead. Additional agencies which responded as part of this incident were: Redwood City Police Department, Redwood City Public Works, Redwood City Building Department, Allied Waste Management, Telephone Company, and Cable Company.

There were no injuries to citizens or responders.

REPORTING OFFICER: Battalion Chief Steve Cavallero