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## **ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT**

DATE OF INCIDENT: October 11, 2009  
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 436 Standish, Unit #4, Redwood City  
NATURE: Structure Fire / Single Unit / 2 Story Apartment Building  
ALARM LEVEL: 1 Alarm  
TIME: 4:40 PM  
UNDER CONTROL: 4:55 PM  
UNITS ON SCENE: 5 Engine Companies  
1 Truck Company  
2 Battalion Chiefs  
1 Fire Investigator  
1 AMR Ambulance  
Red Cross  
Redwood City Police

**SYNOPSIS OF ALARM:** Redwood City Firefighters along with Firefighters from Belmont / San Carlos Fire, responded to a report of an Apartment on Fire at 436 Standish Street. On arrival fire units found a working kitchen fire in a second floor apartment, with the rest of the apartment charged with heat and smoke. The occupant of the apartment had evacuated the unit prior to the arrival of the Fire Department, but other apartments in the building were still occupied. Engines made an aggressive interior attack to control the fire, and prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining apartments. Simultaneously, Truck Company members cut holes in the roof to provide ventilation for the heat and smoke.

There was one single male occupant of the involved apartment. While not injured in the fire, he was transported to a local hospital for a medical condition unrelated to the fire incident. There were no injuries to firefighters, or other occupants of the building.

The cause of the fire was determined to be cooking materials left unattended on the stove. The loss is estimated at \$75,000 to the structure and \$25,000 to the contents.

Cooperating in the control of the incident were the Redwood City Police Department, and the American Red Cross.

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 Steve Cavallero