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ALARM ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE OF INCIDENT: January 11, 2010
ADDRESS OF ALARM: 732 Hurlingame Ave.
NATURE: Structure Fire
ALARM LEVEL: 1 Alarm
TIME: 5:29 PM
UNDER CONTROL: 5:54 PM
UNITS ON SCENE: 5 Engine Companies
1 Truck Company
3 Battalion Chiefs
1 Fire Investigator

SYNOPSIS OF ALARM: Redwood City Firefighters, along with Firefighters from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department, responded to a report of a Structure Fire in a commercial building located at 732 Hurlingame Ave. in Redwood City. On arrival fire units found a fire just inside a commercial woodworking shop, with flames extending into a second floor mezzanine. The business was closed at the time and vacant. Firefighters were able to quickly control the fire by advancing hose lines into the front door and extinguishing the fire. Firefighters opened three skylights and cut one hole in the roof to allow the smoke and hot gases to vent from the building. This allowed firefighters in the interior of the building to be able to work in a clear environment inside. The fire was contained to the building of origin.

There were no injuries to either community members or Firefighters as a result of the blaze.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The loss is estimated at \$20,000 to the structure and \$10,000 to the contents.

Cooperating in the control of the incident was the Redwood City Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and PG&E.

While this fire was in a business, 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 Stan Maupin