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Two Alarm Fire Stretches Resources

Saturday was another very busy day for Modesto Regional Fire Authority. At approximately 14:40 hours a grass fire was reported on Yosemite Avenue in the Dry Creek interface area. E-1, E-3 & BC-1 responded finding about 1 acre of grass and brush on fire. During this time E-9 was on scene of an Emergency Medical Incident near the Airport District. This was due to Stanislaus Consolidated Fire working a large grass fire near Lake Road. While these units were working to control this incident another fire was reported.

At 15:14 Modesto Regional Fire Authority was dispatched to the report of a residence on fire. While units were responding SR-911 was receiving multiple calls that the residence was fully involved and threatening the residence next door. Battalion Chief - 1 requested that this be upgraded to a second alarm.

The first arriving unit was E-5 who reported heavy smoke from the rear and active fire in the interior of the residence. An offensive fire attack was preformed and Crews obtained a very quick knock down of the fire. In total 6 MRFA Engines, 1 Ceres Engine, 1 MRFA Truck, 1 MRFA Battalion Chief & 1 Ceres Battalion Chief responded. Estimated damage to the residence and contents was $170,000. During this incident MRFA was drawn down to 3 Engine Companies in the City.

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind citizens to check their smoke detectors monthly and replace the batteries once a year.