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**Residential Structure Fires**

On August 16, 2013 at 8:05 p.m., the Modesto Regional Fire Authority responded to a house fire at 3104 Waltham Way. The first fire engine arrived in just over 4 minutes and observed flames venting from a window and the roof area of a large single story residence. It took 6 engine companies and 2 truck companies with a total of 28 firefighters to extinguish the blaze in 30 minutes. Two occupants were home at the time of the fire and safely exited the residence prior to the fire departments arrival. 1 Firefighter was injured at the fire and was transported to a local hospital for observation. The firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion and has returned to duty. The fire caused an estimated \$250,000 damage and the cause is under investigation.

Earlier that same day the Modesto Regional Fire Authority provided mutual aid to assist the Burbank-Paradise Fire Department on a residential structure fire. The fire was reported at 12:36 pm, at 2357 Robertson Road. Modesto Regional Fire responded with 2 engine companies, 1 truck company and a Battalion Chief to the mutual aid fire. The fire caused significant damage throughout the house. A damage estimate and fire cause is unavailable at this time. For further questions regarding the Robertson Road fire please contact the Burbank-Paradise Fire Department at: 523-1129.

*The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind everyone that working smoke detectors save lives. For further information please contact Division Chief Sean Slamon at 209-552-3723*