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**Modesto Regional Fire Authority
Battles Two Separate House Fires Overnight**

Modesto Regional Fire Authority (MRFA) Firefighters fought two separate residential structure fires late Monday evening and early Tuesday morning. The first fire was reported at 11:26 pm at 1336 Monterey Avenue. 22 firefighters battled the blaze with 5 engine companies and 1 truck company under the command of Battalion Chief Randy Anderson. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire responded with 1 engine and a battalion chief to assist MRFA units with the blaze. The residence, a vacant two story house had heavy smoke and fire showing from both floors when the first engine arrived. Due to the advanced fire conditions a defensive strategy was ordered. It took firefighters 1 hour and 38 minutes to extinguish the fire. No injuries were reported. The fire caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage. The house was the sight of a previous fire in June of this year. The cause of the fire is suspicious and continues to be under investigation.

The second fire occurred today at 3:16 am at 1201 Lucerne Avenue. The fire occurred in a detached garage that had been converted into a residence. The occupants of the residence were not home at the time of the fire. The fire was quickly brought under control with 4 engines and 1 truck company under the command of Battalion Chief Randy Anderson. The fire caused \$2,000 in damage and is under investigation. No injuries were reported.

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





