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Early Morning Fire Damages East Modesto Home

Modesto, CA – An East Modesto home was damaged today by an early morning fire. Fire crews from the Modesto Regional Fire Authority responded to 1306 Randy Avenue for a reported house on fire. Stanislaus Regional 911 received multiple phone calls reporting the 2:47 a.m. blaze.

The first arriving fire companies found a single story home with the front door and an adjacent bedroom engulfed in flames. Firefighters searched for possible trapped occupants and made an aggressive attack on the fire. Fortunately, the two occupants of the residence were able to escape the fire and take shelter in the back yard. Both residents were evaluated by an AMR Paramedics. 18 firefighters brought the fire under control at 3:05 a.m.

The fire caused significant damage to the front doorway, a bedroom, and attic, smoke damage was evident through most of the home. Fire loss is estimated at $100,000.00 structural and $50,000.00 contents loss. The American Red Cross responded to the scene to provide disaster assistance to the displaced family. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.
As we “Fall Back” from Daylight Savings Time, this November 3rd, The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind everyone to inspect and change the batteries on all their smoke detectors.

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