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Morning Fire Damages Vacant South Modesto Home

Modesto, CA - At 0710 a working structure fire compliment was dispatched to 1526 Marin Avenue. The fire was in an abandoned home that has burnt several times before. Engine 10 reported visible smoke from the station. On scene the house was well involved in and the fire was through the roof. A defensive posture was taken as crews worked to protect the exposure buildings to each side of the burning house. The residence on the west side of the fire suffered some minor damage to the exterior wall and eave of the home.

When sufficient resources arrived on scene, the main body of fire was attacked and the fire was quickly brought under control. After changing to an offensive strategy, a primary search for any potential occupants was conducted, with an "all clear" given a few minutes later. Investigator 1 responded to the scene to examine the structure.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Today's fire added, an estimated \$25,000.00 in additional damage to the building. Automatic Aid was received from the Ceres Fire Department. The incident cleared at 0900.

Respectfully,

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