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Modesto Regional Firefighters battled a 3 alarm fire in an auto repair shop this evening. Units were dispatched to A & J Auto Shop, 1901 Prescott Road at 11:34 pm. The first engine arrived in less than 4 minutes and reported heavy black smoke venting from several roll up doors at the front of the business. An aggressive fire attack brought the fire under control in 20 minutes; firefighters were successful in preventing the spread of the fire to the adjacent offices. 8 engine companies, 2 truck companies and 4 chief officers responded to the fire. Fire and smoke damage caused an estimated $125,000 in damage. The fire started in a vehicle inside the repair shop. Firefighters remained on scene for several hours assisting the business owner in securing the building. No injuries were reported.

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind drivers to pull to their vehicles to the right when emergency crews are responding.