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Modesto, CA - At 12:51 hours a working structure fire compliment was dispatched to 1921 Scenic Drive for an attic fire in a duplex. Squad 3 was on scene first and found a mattress fire, up against a dumpster. The fire broke through a garage window and was impinging on the contents of a garage. Additionally, the fire was climbing up the second story, shake sided wall and into the attic. Captain Squad 3 laid out an aggressive strategy sending Truck 1 to the roof to ventilate, Engines 1 and 9 attacked the interior fire and Squad 3 handled forcible entry and fire attack on the garage. Engine 5 was assigned to the Rapid Intervention Company and Engine 2 provided a water supply to Squad 3. The fire was brought under control within 25 minutes of our arrival. Three residents were displaced. Red Cross services were offered, however the declined, opting to stay with family. Stanislaus Battalion 5 assisted on this incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Structural damage is estimated at $141,000 and $21,000 in contents loss.

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority urges residents to never bring a charcoal grill into the house for heating or cooking. The Carbon Monoxide gas that is created by burning charcoal is poisonous!
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Regards,

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