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**Firefighters Rescue Elderly Male from Burning Home**

At approximately 2:00 am early Monday morning the Modesto Regional Fire Authority responded to a report of structure fire at 220 W. Rumble Rd. in central Modesto. Upon arrival crews found heavy smoke coming from the townhome with neighbors reporting an elderly male was unaccounted for and was probably still inside. While encountering heavy smoke and heat conditions, with little to no visibility, fire Crews initiated an aggressive fire attack and searched for the victim. Crews located and rescued the unconscious victim and once outside immediately began to administer CPR. Within minutes the patient regained pulses and began to breathe on his own. By time the patient arrived at Doctor’s Medical Center he was alert and responsive to questions but he is currently listed in critical condition. Modesto Regional Fire Authority Fire Chief Randall Bradley continues to be concerned about the number of structure fires in Modesto. “With limited staffing our firefighters really do a tremendous job of protecting the public. We really need to begin to focus on reducing the number of structure fires through public education and enhancing our fire prevention activities.” The cause of the fire is still under investigation and no further injuries were reported. Four engines, one ladder truck and two chief officers responded with a total of 17 personnel. Damage is estimated at \$50,000.

