

# Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

## Press Release

**Subject: Commercial Structure Fire**  
**1840 San Miguel Drive**  
**Walnut Creek**

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District responded to a structure fire in a 2 story office building located at 1840 San Miguel Drive in Walnut Creek on Wednesday night. The fire was called in to 911 at 8:04pm and the first fire crew arrived at 8:10pm to find heavy smoke and flames extending 20 feet through the roof of the building. It took 45 minutes to bring the 2 alarm fire under control with multiple resources including 6 fire engines, 3 ladder trucks, 1 breathing support unit, and 4 chief officers. A total of 34 fire personnel were involved in the firefighting effort. The building sustained approximately \$200,000 in estimated damages and an additional \$25,000 to damaged contents in the building. Fire crews were successful in reducing additional damage to the building through aggressive firefighting and ventilation operations as well as successfully salvaging much of the contents of the tenant suites on both floors of the building during the incident. No adjacent buildings were damaged and there were no injuries to emergency personnel or members of the public. Assistance was provided by the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District.

The building was not equipped with automatic fire sprinklers. A District Fire Investigator was called to the scene during the incident and the initial investigation revealed no suspected arson or malicious activity. The fire started in a concealed mechanical space in the area of the attic and roof of the structure and was not detected until the fire breached the walls and was visible from the exterior of the building. The cause of the fire is undetermined and fire investigators were at the scene this morning looking at the mechanical and electrical equipment in the area where the fire started.