

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Press Release

Subject: Residential Structure Fire with Rescue
309 W. 13th Street, Pittsburg, CA

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District responded to a reported kitchen fire in a single family home at 309 W. 13th Street in Pittsburg at approximately 9:07 am on March 6th. The first fire unit arrived at 9:13am, within 6 minutes of being dispatched, and found smoke coming from the attic vents of the home. A female occupant was outside on the front porch and stated her husband was still inside. Crews initiated a search, quickly locating and removing a 93-year-old male from a front bedroom. AMR ambulance transported the male occupant to Kaiser Hospital as a precaution.

Three engines, two ladder trucks, and two battalion chiefs responded to the incident with 17 personnel and brought the fire under control within 11 minutes of the first fire unit's arrival. The estimated damage to property and contents is \$70,000. There were no injuries to fire district personnel.

A smoke alarm in the residence alerted the female occupant of the fire in the kitchen. The female occupant stated she may have accidentally turned on the stove while heating some coffee in the microwave earlier.

The Fire District responds to numerous accidental and unattended cooking fires throughout the year. Unfortunately many of these fires result in significant property damage to the home and sometimes lead to serious injury to the occupants. When in the kitchen, never leave cooking food unattended and make sure all the burners are turned off prior to leaving the kitchen or when done cooking.

A working smoke alarm alerted one of the occupants of this home that there was a fire. Working smoke alarms can give you time to escape your home in case of a fire. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home – at least one in every bedroom, in the hallway serving the bedroom, and at least one on every level of the home.