

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Press Release

Subject: Residential Structure Fire – Vacant Property
4000 block of La Colina Road, El Sobrante

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Richmond Fire Department, Pinole Fire Department, and El-Cerrito Fire Departments responded to a residential structure fire in the 4000 block of La Colina Road in El Sobrante at 1227 am this morning.

Upon arrival, fire crews reported heavy smoke and fire showing from a split-level home extending to vegetation and threatening other structures. This residential structure was identified by fire crews (through area knowledge) as a vacant property. Damage from the fire was isolated to the structure and property of origin. Responding to initial reports that “squatters” were possibly in the structure, firefighters completed detailed interior searches to check for trapped occupants; none were found. A total of 20 firefighters with 5 engines and 1 ladder truck responded to this incident. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries. Two adjacent homes were saved.

The cause of this fire is under investigation.