

# Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

## Press Release

**Subject: Residential Structure Fires resulting from Unattended Cooking**  
**55 Pacifica Avenue, Space 152, Bay Point**  
**5125 Grass Valley Way, Antioch**

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District responded to Club Marina Mobile Home Park, space 152 on Pacifica Avenue for a residential structure fire in a small mobile home, single family dwelling at approximately 11:15 pm on November 10th. Ten firefighters were able to contain the incident and the fire was brought under control within a few minutes. There were no injuries to residents or response personnel. The structure sustained significant fire damage to the kitchen area and smoke damage throughout the remainder of the structure. However, the majority of personal belongings and residences adjacent to the structure were protected and did not sustain any damage. The two residents were not able to return to the dwelling and were being assisted by members of their family for temporary housing.

A fire started in the kitchen quickly extended into the attic of a home at 5125 Grass Valley Way in Antioch on Tuesday afternoon, November 9<sup>th</sup>, just before 3:00 pm. This fire was brought under control within 25 minutes with the response of 5 fire apparatus and 16 firefighters, including assistance from the East Contra Costa Fire District. There were no injuries to residents or response personnel. The home sustained significant fire damage and a total of 4 adults and 5 children were displaced. The Red Cross provided assistance to the displaced residents.

Both of these fires were caused by unattended cooking in the kitchen. Pans were left on the stove with the burners lit; the contents of the pans then caught fire after enough heat developed over a period of time. Residents are reminded to be attentive to pots or pans being used for active cooking and to not leave them unattended for any period of time. The oils, grease, and other materials used in common household cooking can heat up quickly and if left unattended can quickly ignite causing a very hot and intense fire.