

# Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

## Press Release

**Subject: Apartment Fire**  
**5274 Riverside Avenue, San Pablo**

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District responded to a fire in a two story apartment building at 5274 Riverside Avenue in San Pablo at approximately 8:20 am on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The first fire engine arrived within 4 minutes of being dispatched and found heavy fire and smoke from one unit on the second floor. A total of 16 firefighters from four engines and one ladder truck were able to bring the fire under control within 15 minutes of their arrival. Assistance was provided by both the Richmond and El Cerrito Fire Departments.

There was a minor hand injury to a resident who was treated by fire department personnel at the scene. Five occupants, two adults and three children, were home at the time of the fire and all were able to safely leave the apartment. There were no injuries to fire personnel. The five occupants of the involved unit are being housed with the assistance of the American Red Cross.

The involved unit sustained major damage but surrounding units were protected and sustained little to no damage. The fire started in the kitchen cooking area – this is the third fire in as many days to start in the kitchen area of a residential dwelling and develop into a working fire that displaced residents. On Tuesday, an unattended pan on the stove started a fire that extended into the attic of a home in Antioch causing significant damage and displacing nine residents. On Wednesday night another unattended pan on the stove caused a fire resulting in major damage forcing two residents from their home in Bay Point.