

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Press Release

**Subject: Two Alarm Apartment Fire
Oak Road, Concord**

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District responded to a fire in a two story apartment building on Oak Road in Concord at approximately 4:30pm today (April 8, 2011). The fire was first noticed by Fire District units at the Training Facility next door to the apartment complex. The first fire engine arrived within 2-3 minutes and found heavy fire and smoke from one unit on the second floor. Two alarms were called to control the fire which extended into the common attic of the building. A total of 30 firefighters from seven engines and three ladder trucks along with 5 chief officers were able to bring the fire under control within 25 minutes of the first unit's arrival.

A total of 17 residents were displaced by the fire, with 7 of those residents seeking temporary housing assistance from the American Red Cross. The remaining 10 residents were able to find accommodations with friends, family, or other means.

There were no injuries to residents or fire personnel.

The involved unit sustained significant fire damage, estimated to be at least \$50,000 plus the contents of the apartment unit. Minor damage was sustained to the ceiling of the adjacent unit. The fire started in one of the bedrooms of the involved unit. A fire investigation was conducted and the cause is undetermined, but is most likely an accidental fire attributed to smoker's material left on the bed earlier in the afternoon.