



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BATTALION / DIVISION / DISTRICT: Battalion #8

INCIDENT NUMBER: 19025593

ALARM DATE: 3/10/2019

TIME: 5:43 PM

ALARM TYPE: Residential Structure Fire

LOCATION: 30 Sara Ct

RESPONSE: E86, E87, E85, T83, T84, E6, BS7 EMS8, M5, PG&E, CCSO, Redcross, BC1, BC8, STC 10

ASSISTING AGENCIES: Contra Costa S/O
PG&E

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 30

INCIDENT SUMMARY: Contra Costa Fire units responded to a reported structure fire on Sara Ct. While taking call information, the Contra Costa Fire Dispatch Center upgraded the initial response to a working fire due to the information being received from the multiple callers. Engine 86 (Bay Point) arrived on scene and reported heavy smoke and flames coming from the windows and door in the front of the house as well as 2 windows on the rear of the structure. The fire in the front of the house was impinging on the overhead power lines providing power to the structure. As fire crews entered the structure to fight fire there were multiple explosions. Once the explosions were heard crews were pulled from the inside of the structure. One of the explosions blew the rear wall of the structure off its foundation. It was

determined by our investigator that the explosions were butane canisters exploding due to the tenants making honey oil for personal use. This fire was unique in that we had butane canisters exploding as well as the power lines in the front of the house being exposed to flames coming from the window. All fire units were committed to fire attack, roof top ventilation, searches for victims, water supply, back up hose lines, safety, and overhaul. The fire was quickly extinguished because of an aggressive fire attack and well-coordinated team work with on scene crews. There were 5 animals found deceased inside the structure. 2 dogs were rescued from inside the structure one of which was barely breathing when the crews brought him out. After oxygen and airway support the dog began to breath more efficiently. Both dogs were released back to the owner for further care.

CAUSE: hash oil manufacturing

DUTY CHIEF A/C Carey

IC/SUBMISSION: Sara I/C
