DATE: 09/04/2022
TIME OF ALARM: 01:26 AM
TYPE OF ALARM: Residential Structure Fire
LOCATION: 2450 Colusa St. Pinole, CA
RESPONSE: Residential Structure Fire Response: 5 Engines, 2 Trucks, 1 Breathing Support, 1 Safety Officer, 1 Fire Investigator, and 2 Battalion Chiefs,
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Crockett-Carquinez Fire, El Cerrito Fire, Con Fire/EMS, PG&E, & Pinole PD
TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 25

Battalion 7 Firefighters (Pinole, Contra Costa and Rodeo-Hercules) responded to a reported Residential Structure Fire in the early morning hours of September 4th. As Engine 73 (Pinole) arrived at-scene, Pinole PD forced entry to the front door, yelled in the home and checked the exterior for victims. Engine 73’s condition report was “Smoke showing from the front door of a single story home, Establish Colusa IC, we have our own water supply, Working fire” Engine 69 and Battalion 7 arrived at the scene simultaneously. Battalion 7 assumed IC while crews started Fire attack and search.

E73 initiated a fire attack and primary search. A neighbor informed the IC that 3 Residents and 3 Cats were usually at home along with a second car in the driveway. Engine 69 (El Sobrante) & 75 (Rodeo) Secondary search found 3 cats that had smoke inhalation issues, Medic 76 handled Cat care as they came out, once fire was knocked down and all three cats were found Engine 78 (Crockett) assisted Medic unit. This home had a Cal-Pac roof which made for difficult ventilation, Quint 76 (Hercules) was able to cut solid vent holes which helped reduce heat and raise the smoke in the home. Engine 70 was assigned as the rapid intervention crew, then released for availability once fire was called out and most smoke removed. Fortunately, the residents were not home at the time of the fire. There were no Civilian or Firefighter injuries.

Between the fire attack and ventilation we were able to keep fire damage to the kitchen and minor smoke damage through the rest of the home. The addition of the secondary search and quick oxygen supplied through a pet mask, all 3 cats were revived. Due to a lack of any animal control emergency response, a good Samaritan stepped forward to take care of the animals overnight until the homeowners returned to their residence.

PGE secured the power to the home for safety reasons. Board up company secured all windows and doors to secure the property. Without human victims, there was no need for the American Red Cross.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Contra Costa County Fire