DATE: 7/28/23
TIME OF ALARM: 4:45:20 PM
TYPE OF ALARM: Residential Structure Fire
LOCATION: 2000 Block of Dover Ave., San Pablo
RESPONSE: 1 Alarm: 4 Engines, 1 Trucks, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 1 District Chief, 1 Safety Officer, 1 Incident Support Unit, 2 Investigators, 1 PIO
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Richmond Fire, Rodeo Hercules Fire, El Cerrito Fire, Con EMS, San Pablo PD, Animal Control, PG&E, Red Cross
TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 26

Contra Costa County Fire responded with assistance from Richmond Fire to the report of a residential structure fire. Truck 70 and Engine 70 (San Pablo) arrived on scene within three minutes. Truck 70 reported smoke and flames from the front (Alpha side) of a duplex with multiple live wires down across Dover Ave. The wires were arcing in the street and along the side of the residence, which prevented the crews from accessing parts of the house.

Richmond Fire Battalion 64 arrived on scene just after crews from station 70 and assumed command of the incident. Engine 70 initiated a fire attack with coordinated ventilation from Truck 70. Richmond Fire Engine 62 provided primary search of the residence. Engine 70 quickly knocked the fire down, which allowed the search crew to find a resident in the back of the house.

The fire attack and search crews worked together to extricate an occupant from the house. The occupant removed from the residence was in cardiac arrest. Crews initiated CPR and Advanced Life Support measures. A CON EMS ambulance arrived on scene. Contra Costa Fire personnel assisted with and provided care for the occupant during transport to the hospital. Unfortunately, despite their efforts, the occupant was pronounced by medical staff at the hospital shortly after arrival.

Crews remained on scene for over three hours to complete overhaul of the residence and to support the Fire Investigators in determining the cause of the fire.

The Red Cross provided four occupants displaced from the two residences by the incident with emergency housing and other support.

Feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions regarding this incident.

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