DATE: 07/30/2023
TIME OF ALARM: 03:44
TYPE OF ALARM: Residential Structure Fire
LOCATION: 1431 Madeline Rd, San Pablo, CA
RESPONSE: Augmented Residential Structure Fire Response with a Second Alarm: 8 Engines, 2 Trucks, 1 Breathing Support, 1 Safety Officer, 1 Fire Investigator, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 1 District Chief
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Richmond Fire, Rodeo-Hercules Fire, El Cerrito Fire, Contra Costa Sheriff’s Office, Con Fire/EMS
TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 40

Contra Costa County Fire responded to a reported fire in a medium size home at 1431 Madeline Rd., San Pablo, CA in the Montalvin Manor neighborhood. Richmond Fire was the first to arrive on scene and began initial fire attack. Additional fire units from arrived and were assigned to search the residence for occupants.

Firefighters initiated an offensive fire attack, search, ventilation, and salvage operations. Due to the heavy hoarding conditions of the home, a second alarm was struck for additional personnel needed at scene. Because of the hoarding conditions inside the home and in a shed located to the rear of the home, firefighting operations were difficult. Crews performed extensive searching of the home looking for residents; approximately 40 minutes into the fire it was confirmed by a friend of the homeowners that the owners were away and on vacation at the time of the fire. The fire was knocked down and contained in approximately 60 minutes from time of arrival.

Crews performed overhaul for an extended period of time to ensure the fire was fully extinguished. A fire watch was ordered due to the hoarding conditions and crews assessing the structure throughout the day to check for any hotspots.

There were no Civilian or Firefighter injuries. Fire Investigators could not determine a cause of the fire due to the conditions. Once cat was found deceased inside the home with one additional cat missing

Respectfully Submitted,

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