DATE: 09/10/2023
TIME OF ALARM: 1956hrs
TYPE OF ALARM: Exterior Fire reported as a Residential Structure Fire
LOCATION: 1124 Hidalgo Ct., Lafayette, CA
RESPONSE: 2nd Alarm fire response
ASSISTING AGENCIES: Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Lafayette PD, & PG&E
TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL AT SCENE: 38

Contra Costa County Fire responded to a reported structure fire in the area of Robles Ct in Lafayette. Multiple reports were received via 911 that a large column of smoke was visible for miles.

E15 (Lafayette) arrived on Robles Ct and declared the fire a “rescue fire” due to the fact that visible flames were seen coming from behind multiple homes and that residents were possibly trapped in a home on Robles Ct. At this time a 2nd alarm fire response was requested.

E15 was able to make sure the residents on the home on Robles Ct were safe; at this time E17 (Lafayette) relayed through the fire radio that the best access to the fire was going to be on Hidalgo Ct. Once the location of the fire was found, it was determined that the fire was contained to two exterior buildings on the property used to house birds and that no homes were on fire. The second alarm was continued for personnel and that the fire had starting burning trees on the property causing embers to be cast to surrounding properties.

Fire crews performed aggressive offensive fire attack operations and the fire was contained within 12 minutes of the first engines arrival. The fire was contained to the exterior buildings with some extension into a garden storage area behind the exterior buildings. Fire crews overhauled the area; a fire watch was sent to the structure overnight to look for any additional hot spots overnight. A small rekindle did occur near the exterior building in the early morning hours however due to area being soaked with water and firefighting foam, the fire was small and one engine company extinguished it quickly. Fire watch continued throughout the day on 9/11.

There were no Civilian or Firefighter injuries. Fire Investigators suspect that the cause was from electrical issues. Multiple birds perished in the fire. The birds belonged to the homeowner of the property where the fire occurred.

Respectfully Submitted,

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