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HOMEOWNER, FIREFIGHTERS SAVE HOME FROM KITCHEN FIRE

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) firefighters, with the assistance of the Encinitas Fire Department, today responded at 10:06 a.m. to a reported residential structure fire in the 6000 block of El Circulo in Rancho Santa Fe. Upon arrival at the scene they found a fire the kitchen and were able to quickly extinguish the flames.

No one was home when the fire broke out, but the homeowners returned home shortly thereafter and saw flames in the kitchen. The quick-thinking homeowner grabbed a fire extinguisher and helped knock down the flames, which slow down the fire until fire personnel arrived.

The preliminary indications are that the fire was started accidentally by an electrical problem in the kitchen. The damage from the fire was limited to the kitchen area, but there was smoke damage throughout the home. Damage is estimated to be at \$250,000. Fourteen firefighters, two medical personnel, and one battalion chief responded to the scene. Battalion Chief Mike Gibbs served as the incident commander.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is to serve the public through the protection of life, environment, and property from fire and other natural and human caused emergencies. Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 22,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations serving communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe, 4S-Ranch, Fairbanks Ranch, Cielo and The Crosby.

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