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HOME SAVED BY EARLY DETECTION, QUICK ACTIONS

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — On Saturday, March 17, at 7:47 p.m., fire crews responded to the 7000 block of Las Colinas in Rancho Santa Fe for a reported structure fire. Three children and one adult were inside the home at the time of the fire. Fortunately, smoke from the fire activated a smoke detector, notifying alarm monitoring company who, in turn, notified the unaware occupants who were able to safely exit the home.

The first crew to arrive found smoke coming from the structure and accounted for the occupants of the home. Firefighters entering the building discovered the entire home was filled with smoke. They were able to locate fire on a lower level of the home in zero visibility. Two rooms were well involved with fire, but fire crews were able to quickly knock down the flames and prevent them from extending into the garage and other areas of the home.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but it appears to be unintentional. The fire gutted two rooms and caused extensive smoke damage throughout the home, resulting in an estimated \$100,000 in property damage. The fire was extinguished within 20 minutes, but fire crews remained well into the night performing overhaul and property conservation.

According to fire officials, this fire could have resulted in disastrous consequences if it were not for the early notification and quick actions by the firefighters. Three engines companies from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, one engine from the City of San Diego, and one ladder truck from Encinitas responded to the fire. No injuries occurred.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 21,500 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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