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### **CHIMNEY FIRE DAMAGES HOME IN RANCHO SANTA FE**

**RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.** — On November 17, 2007, at 11:45 p.m., firefighters responded to the report of a structure fire in the 18000 block of Via De Fortuna. When they arrive on scene they saw flames coming from the roof and the attic. The fire appeared to have started in the chimney and then spread to the roof and the attic. It took approximately 35 minutes to put the fire out and crews remained on scene to put out any flare ups.

The resident was home at the time of the fire and was able to get out of the house safely. There were no reports of injuries. The exact cause of the fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated to be \$800,000. Seven fire engines and one fire truck responded to the scene with a total twenty-five firefighters. Three chief officers and two paramedics also responded.

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 21,000 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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