

Rancho Santa Fe



Fire Protection District

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MORNING FIRE DESTROYS HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION

On April 21, 2008, at 5:54 a.m., firefighters responded to the report of a fire on top of the hill in the Cielo community. When they arrived on scene, firefighters found a house in the 7000 block of Camino de Arriba to be engulfed in flames and they began an aggressive attack on the fire. The 7,400-square foot house was under repair at the time and was not occupied. The fire was contained by 9:45 a.m. The fire proved difficult to extinguish due to the inaccessibility to the attic, the water meter that operates the sprinkler system having been turned off, and water flow difficulties.

Approximately 30 firefighters from Rancho Santa Fe, Escondido, Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Encinitas, along with paramedics from San Diego Medical Services Enterprise, responded to the incident. Deputy Chief Tony Michel served as the incident commander. One firefighter suffered a minor injury and was taken to a local hospital where he was treated and released. Damage was estimated at \$2.5 million.

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 26,500 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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