

Rancho Santa Fe



Fire Protection District

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### **STUDENTS TEMPORARILY EVACUATED FROM SCHOOL DUE TO FIRE**

On Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at 10:43 a.m., firefighters responded to the report of a structure fire at Monterey Ridge Elementary School in 4S Ranch. When they arrived on scene, firefighters found all students, teachers, and parents had safely evacuated the building. They soon discovered a small fire in the wall of one of the classrooms and were able to quickly extinguish the flames. The school remained evacuated for about 45 minutes while firefighters worked to ensure the fire had not spread to any other areas of the building. Once it was deemed safe for them to return students were allowed back in their classrooms, with the exception those located in the building where the fire occurred.

Approximately 17 firefighters from Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and the City of San Diego responded to the incident. Battalion Chief Michael Gibbs served as the incident commander. A shorted-out electrical outlet started the fire, but what caused the short is under investigation. One adult female was transported to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation. Damage is estimated to be worth \$5,000.

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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