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ATTIC FIRE DAMAGES HOME IN RANCHO SANTA FE

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — On Sunday, January 23, 2011, at 8:46 p.m., firefighters from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD), along with firefighters from Carlsbad, Encinitas, San Diego, Solana Beach, and Vista, responded to a two-alarm structure fire in the 17000 block of Calle Corte in Rancho Santa Fe. When they arrived on the scene, firefighters noticed smoke coming from the eaves. Upon further inspection they found a working attic fire and began working to extinguish the fire. It took approximately 40 minutes to extinguish the flames and just under 2 hours to ensure the fire was completely under control.

Eight fire engines, two ladder trucks, one medic unit, one rehabilitation unit, and one battalion chief responded to the incident. No injuries were reported. The residents, who were home at the time, had been enjoying a fire in the fireplace all day. They noticed smoke coming from the attic area near the fireplace and tried to extinguish the fire, but realized it was too large and called 9-1-1. The exact cause of the fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated to be around \$450,000.

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 29,000 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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