



RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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SMOKE ALARM SAVES MAN, DOG FROM RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — On Sunday, October 30, just after 11 pm, firefighters from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District responded to the report of a residential structure fire in the 18000 block of Avenida Alondra in Rancho Santa Fe. Upon arrival they saw the house was fully involved in fire. They attempted to enter the home but it was quickly determined that it was too dangerous to proceed. A second alarm was called bring more resources to the scene to help keep the fire from spreading to nearby vegetation and homes.

It took approximately 2 hours for crews from Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Vista, and Carlsbad to extinguish the fire. Units remained on scene until noon on Monday to make sure all hot spots were put out. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The house appears to be a total loss.

One resident was home at the time of the fire. He was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm going off and was able to safely exit the home with his dog. "This was a very intense fire," said incident commander Bret Davidson. "If it weren't for the home having working smoke detectors, this incident could have had a much different outcome for the resident. The smoke alarm most likely saved his life."

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To serve the public through the protection of life, environment and property from fire and other emergencies through prevention, preparedness, education, and response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 50-square miles and protects over 32,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of six fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, 4S-Ranch, Elfin Forest, and Harmony Grove.

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