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Significant Events Continue to Impact Modesto Regional Fire Authority

Since May 12th the Modesto Regional Fire Authority has responded to over 657 incidents including 70 fires. Several multiple alarm structure and vegetation fires have consumed resources and taxed personnel.

Yesterday evening at 10:23 pm, the Modesto Regional Fire Authority was dispatched to a report of a rescue at Scenic and Coffee Rd. Reports were a vehicle traveled through the intersection, down the embankment, and came to rest upside down in Dry Creek. First arriving units confirmed a vehicle in the creek and found a patient on the embankment needing medical attention. Due to the slope of the bank, a technical rescue had to be performed. Crews were able to set up the necessary equipment and extricate the victim within 20 minutes of arrival. The patient was transported to a local hospital and the condition is unknown at this time. The vehicle was searched and confirmed that no one else remained inside.

At 06:03 am this morning, Modesto Regional Fire Authority responded to a report of a working structure fire at 1526 Pelton Ave. in West Modesto. 4 engines, 1 truck, and 1 chief officer responded to find a single story residence with smoke a fire visible. Crews performed an aggressive fire attack and were able to contain the fire to one room. Crews found the home to be vacant and no injuries were reported. The cause is still under investigation and damage is estimated at \$10,000.

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind citizens to be aware of the high fire dangers associated with the current drought and be vigilant in maintaining defensible space around their property.





