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Busy Weekend for Modesto Regional Firefighters

This weekend proved to be a very busy one for the Modesto Regional Fire Authority. Firefighters battled 5 separate structure fires from Saturday through early Monday morning.

August 17, 2013 at 7:27 pm

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority (MRFA) with assistance from the Ceres Fire Department responded to a house fire at 1604 Ironside Drive. The first fire engine arrived in 7 minutes and observed moderate smoke conditions from the garage. It took 5 engine companies and 1 truck companies with a total of 21 firefighters to extinguish the blaze in 10 minutes. All occupants had exited the home prior to the fire departments arrival, no injuries were reported. The fire damage was estimated at \$40,000 and the cause was accidental.

August 18, 2013 at 4:15am

MRFA units were dispatched to a structure fire at 133 Rosedale Avenue. The first engine arrived in 5 minutes and reported heavy fire conditions throughout the residence. Crews focused their attention on preventing the fire from spreading to adjacent structures. It took 18 firefighters staffing 4 Engines, 1 Truck Company and a Battalion Chief 20 minutes to contain the fire. Damage is estimated at \$80,000 and the cause is under investigation.

August 18, at 2:26pm

MRFA and Ceres Fire units responded to a structure fire at 1514 Inyo Avenue. The first engine arrived in less than 9 minutes and reported heavy smoke and fire conditions from two residences along with several Cypress trees and debris in both backyards on fire. A 2nd alarm was requested bringing a total 28 firefighters on 7 engines, 1 truck and 2 Battalion Chiefs. The fire was contained in 30 minutes, the occupants from both residences safely escaped prior to the fire departments arrival. Red Cross provided assistance and shelter for 6 adults and 3 children affected by the fire. Damage is estimated at \$80,000 and the cause is under investigation.

August 18, at 2:52pm

While crews were still battling the 2nd alarm fire on Inyo Avenue, a second structure fire was reported at 918 Patricia Lane. The first engine arrived in 10 minutes and reported a working garage fire from a single story duplex. 4 engine companies, 1 truck company and a chief officer for a total of 16 firefighters responded to the fire. The fire was extinguished in 30 minutes and caused an estimated \$50,000 in damage. All occupants safely exited the duplex prior to the fire departments arrival. The cause was determined to be accidental.

These two fires resulted in a complete resource drawdown for the Modesto Regional Fire Authority. With no units available to respond to additional incidents MRFA relied on Automatic and Mutual aid agreements from adjacent fire agencies to cover the vacancies.

August 19, 2013, at 4:54am

6 engines, 2 trucks, and 2 battalion chiefs from Modesto Regional Fire and Stanislaus Consolidated Fire responded to a residential structure fire at 1328 Monterey Avenue. The first engine arrived in less than 2 minutes and reported heavy fire conditions from the residence. The home was vacant and boarded up. 27 firefighters brought the fire under control in 40 minutes. No injuries have been reported; the fire caused an estimated \$85,000 in damage. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind everyone that working smoke detectors save lives. For further information please contact Division Chief Sean Slamon at 209-552-3723