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***Press Release***

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On Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, Modesto Regional Fire units battled two residential structure fires in a four hour time span. The first fire was reported at 3:11pm at 920 Wilma Avenue in West Modesto. The first engine arrived in 5 minutes and observed heavy smoke and flames from a single story house with flames threatening two additional houses. Crews quickly initiated an aggressive fire attack and protected the exposed houses. The fire was suppressed in 25 minutes and contained to the first house. In all 31 firefighters responded to the second alarm fire. No Injuries were reported, the damage is estimated at \$170,000. The cause is under investigation.

The second fire occurred at 7:03pm at 301 North Emerald Avenue for a fire in an apartment. The first fire unit arrived in less than 4 minutes and observed smoke showing from the apartment. The fire was extinguished in 10 minutes. In all 19 firefighters responded to the fire. 1 civilian was treated and transported to a local hospital for smoke inhalation and burns. The fire caused an estimated \$75,000. Red Cross assisted the occupants in finding temporary housing. The cause of the fire is under investigation.