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## CHIMNEY/ROOF FIRE MODESTO

**Modesto, CA** – At 2038 hrs Modesto Regional Fire was dispatched to a report of a chimney or roof fire in the 1800 block of Ustick in south Modesto. The first Engine on scene reported flames from the roof area of a 2 story home. The occupants were all outside. Crews immediately went to the roof and to the interior 2nd floor. The fire was burning in the wood flue box, and extending out of the chimney and onto the roof area. The interior ceilings near the flue had to be pulled, the fire had just started to extend into the attic and crews made an aggressive stop to the fire. The stucco exterior of the flue box had to be cut with chainsaws to expose the fire that was burning in the flue box above the roof line.

4 Engines, 1 Truck, and a Battalion Chief from Modesto Regional responded. Ceres Fire sent 1 Engine and 1 Battalion Chief. Crews coordinated salvage work and protected many personal belongings of the occupants. The occupants stated they had earlier in the evening started a fire in the fireplace, this was the first fire of the season in their fireplace. Red Cross was called to provided assistance to 4 adults and 2 children. Damage estimates were put at \$10,000.

Modesto Regional Fire encourages residents with fireplaces to have them checked and cleaned every year prior to burning the first time.

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