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***Press Release***

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Modesto Regional Firefighters were kept busy overnight as they battled 3 separate structure fires. Shortly after extinguishing a 3 alarm fire on Prescott Road, at 2:20 am, crews were dispatched to 1813 Evergreen Ave. for a fire in the garage. The first engine arrived in 4 minutes and reported heavy fire from an attached garage with residents possibly trapped inside. Fortunately only one occupant was home at the time of the fire and he was able to escape with only minor injuries. The fire required two alarms bringing 6 engines, two trucks, and a battalion chief for a total of 27 firefighters at the scene. The fire destroyed the garage and caused significant damage throughout the house. Damage is estimated at \$100,000 and the cause is under investigation. Red Cross is assisting the occupant with temporary housing.

The third fire of the evening was reported at 4:18am for a fire in a two story house. Crews arrived shortly after the dispatch and observed heavy fire conditions from the second floor. Crews confined the fire to two rooms on the second floor. 5 engines, 1 truck company and two battalion chiefs brought the fire under control in 15 minutes. The residence appeared to be vacant and no injuries were reported. The fire is currently under investigation and damage is estimated at \$60,000.

The Modesto Regional Fire Authority would like to remind everyone to test their smoke detectors every month.

