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### Arcata Fire District Extinguishes Candle Caused Fire

(McKinleyville, CA) – March 30, 2017 – Arcata Fire District quickly extinguished a candle caused afternoon fire in a trailer on the 1300 block of Bates Road in McKinleyville.  Firefighters received the call just after 3 p.m. on Thursday and arrived to receive a report from the tenant that the bedroom was on fire but that everyone was out of the residence.  Firefighters made rapid entry and extinguished the blaze before it was able to spread from the bedroom to adjacent rooms.

The fire was controlled within 10 minutes; however, units remained on scene for two hours in order to complete overhaul and investigation duties.

Arcata sent two engines and a utility vehicle, two chiefs, a logistics unit, and a CalFire engine to the fire scene.  After school traffic was disrupted to Morris Elementary School and CHP assisted with rerouting traffic around the incident.  During the incident Blue Lake and Fieldbrook Fire covered Arcata and McKinleyville stations.

Arcata firefighters were able to issue the tenant a "SAVE" card to help with their immediate expenses.  SAVE is a program of the California Fire Foundation that provides immediate, short-term, relief to victims of fire or other natural disasters.  The California Fire Foundation is a non-profit organization aiding fallen firefighter families, firefighters and the communities they serve.

Arcata Fire District would like to remind the public of candle safety. Never leave a candle unattended or placed near combustible materials.

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