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Structure Fire- Arcata

Arcata, CA – February 2, 2020 – At 4:36 PM Arcata Fire District responded to a structure fire at 2202 Old Samoa Rd, Arcata. Initial 911 calls reported heavy fire in a barn. Units first arriving at scene discovered heavy fire from several windows of a vacant farmhouse adjacent to a large barn. Initial fire attack was limited because most doors and windows were boarded up. Once access was made the fire was quickly extinguished. The residence and adjacent barn have been vacant for some time and there has been frequent use by transients.

Initial investigation indicates the fire's area of origin is in the interior of the house. Significant fire damage occurred in all areas. The Investigation is continuing.

Arcata Fire District responded three engines, one water tender, one Battalion Chief, three Volunteer Firefighters and the Volunteer Logistics unit for 13 personnel. Other agencies at scene were Arcata Police Department, PG&E and Caltrans. Humboldt Bay Fire and Fieldbrook Fire provided district coverage while Arcata units were committed to the fire for approximately two hours. Damage to the structure and contents is estimated at \$150,000

Arcata Fire District would like to thank our neighboring fire agencies for supplying resources as this emergency evolved. The interoperability of State and Local agencies and ability to back up each other is an important part of the Humboldt County fire service. We would also like remind everyone that as winter continues extra vigilance with fire safety is always needed.

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