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City of Visalia Fire Department

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Attic Fire Causes Severe Damage to Visalia Home

At 7:23 p.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2016 the Visalia Fire Department was dispatched to a residential structure at 4730 W. College Avenue. Upon arrival of the first engine moderate smoke was observed coming from the attic vents on both sides of the single story house. Crews went inside to attack the fire while another fire went on the roof to cut ventilation holes. The fire was under control within 20 minutes of arrival.

Seventeen fire personnel from four engines, one truck, and one Chief officer assisted in extinguishing the fire. One fire inspector was also requested to investigate the cause of the fire. The exact cause of the fire was undetermined, but the area where the fire originated was in the attic space above one of the front bedrooms in the house. There was one person home at the time of the fire, but he evacuated safely prior to our arrival.

The estimated property loss was \$100,000 and the total value of the house was \$163,000. The fire caused approximately \$5,000 damage to the contents valued at approximately \$20,000.

Approved By: Battalion Chief Darrin Hughes

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