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Fire crews successfully battle house fire in Canyon By Vera Kochan



Nov. 1 structure fire in Canyon Photo courtesy Dennis Rein

Residents in Canyon had their Nov. 1 evening disrupted when a structure caught fire prompting a quick response from not only the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, but Contra Costa County Fire, San Ramon Valley Fire, CalFire and the East Bay Regional Park District.

According to a Nov. 2 MOFD press release, the home was unoccupied at the time, but suffered a "total fire loss." Flames from the structure spread to surrounding vegetation, but were contained to approximately a half acre in size, thanks to the joint firefighting efforts. "Due to the limited access, steep slope, limited water supply, and potential for wildfire spread in a high-risk area, a second and third alarm response was called." A total of 65 personnel were on hand to contain the fire.

The Contra Costa County Sherriff's Office issued a precautionary evacuation warning to approximately 65 structures and 104 residents which was later lifted around 2 a.m. Crews remained on scene until 5 a.m. once they had mopped up the destroyed home and surrounding vegetation.

MOFD reported no injuries to residents or responders, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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