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TURLOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

Turlock – Turlock City Fire Department responded to the report of a residential structure fire at an apartment complex on the 1100 block of Pedras Road at 11:57 A.M. on June 1, 2019.

Turlock City Fire crews arrived on scene of a two-story apartment complex to find smoke and flames showing from a second floor balcony. Turlock firefighters quickly deployed a hose line and made access into the second floor apartment unit where the fire was rapidly spreading from the balcony into the attic space of the six unit apartment building. Crews worked together to attack the main fire on the balcony as well as the fire in the attic space threatening the rest of the building. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire and contain the damage to a portion of a second floor unit of the building. The coordinated actions of all crews on the fire scene prevented major fire damage to the remainder of the involved apartment unit and the rest of the building.

All occupants and a dog, named Aries, had escaped to safety prior to the fire department's arrival. Turlock Firefighters were able to locate a pet cat named Calypso inside the apartment and reunite her with her owners. No injuries to occupants or firefighters occurred.

Chief of Department Robert Talloni stated, "City firefighters fought and extinguished the fast spreading fire before it extended into other occupied apartment units providing life safety and reducing property dollar loss."

Turlock City Fire Department responded with three engines, Squad 32, a battalion chief, and the chief of the department. Ceres Fire Department responded with one engine and a battalion chief as part of a resource sharing agreement. Turlock Rural Fire Protection District provided city coverage during the incident. Turlock Irrigation District and PG&E responded to assist with securing utilities and an AMR unit responded to provide medical care to possible victims and provide firefighter safety.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. The Stanislaus County Fire Investigation Unit assisted with cause and origin investigation. Anyone with information can contact the Stanislaus County FIU at 209-525-5537 or email info@stanfiu.org.

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