INCIDENT INFORMATION

Incident Name: Howen IC
Incident Start Date: 5/9/2020
Incident Start Time: 3:07 p.m.
Incident Type: Structure Fire
Cause: Electrical - unintentional
Incident Location: 13600 block Howen Drive, Saratoga
Unified Command Agencies: N/A
Size: Single story residence
Containment: N/A
Controlled: 3:40 p.m.
Civilian Injuries/Fatalities: 0
Firefighter Injuries/Fatalities: 0
Structures Threatened: N/A
Structures Destroyed/Damaged: 1

ASSIGNED RESOURCES

Engines: 3
Trucks: 1
Rescues: 1
Chief Officers: 2
Other: 3
Support Units: 1
Total Personnel: 28
Cooperating Agencies: Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office, PG&E, Fire Associates

INCIDENT SUMMARY

Incident Summary: Just after 3:00 p.m., Santa Clara County Fire Department was dispatched to reports of smoke coming from a residence on the 13600 block of Howen Drive in Saratoga.

Upon arrival, crews found heavy smoke coming from the attic of a single story residence. Firefighters were able to confirm that there were no occupants inside the residence and worked to contain the fire to the room of origin and a portion of the attic. The fire was controlled at 3:40 p.m.

The house sustained fire damage to one room and part of the attic, and smoke and water damage throughout. One resident was displaced and did not require services.

Initial investigation indicates that the fire cause was electrical in nature and is not considered to be suspicious.

Access to the fire and numerous areas of the home was hampered by an overabundance of personal items stored throughout the living spaces. Crews remained on scene through the evening for extensive cleanup.

Santa Clara County Fire Department reminds residents to refrain from storing large quantities of items that could burn in the event of a fire, maintain clear pathways inside the home and always know two ways out of every room.

Road Closures: N/A

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