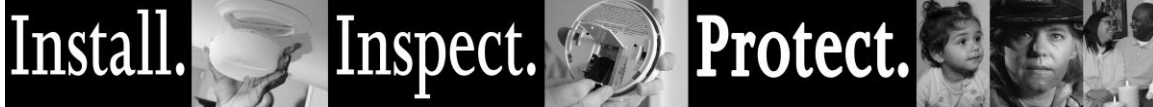




## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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### Smoke Alarms Save Lives.

October 12, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Subject :** Structure fire, 4 West Second Street. Eureka

**Contact :** Chris Jelinek, Battalion Chief, 707-441-4000

On October 12, at approximately 8:42 AM Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a commercial structure fire at Second and A Streets with two engines, one ladder truck, a squad, and two chief officers. The first arriving units found moderate smoke coming from the roof and rear doorway of an approximately 50' x 40' vacant rail yard building at the location. Eureka police officers were on scene prior to fire personnel arrival and had escorted three persons out of the building. Though the building is boarded up and not currently in use, it appeared to be occupied by transients.

Crews attacked the fire, consisting of burning trash, furniture, and other debris, controlling it within 15 minutes. Crews ventilated the building to remove smoke. While fire attack was performed a separate crew conducted a thorough search to confirm no other persons were inside.

No firefighter injuries were reported. The fire cause is considered incendiary. During the course of fire investigation six separate fire sets were located within the building. Humboldt Bay Fire has responded to and extinguished five separate fires within this building during the past year.

Humboldt Bay Fire reminds our community to make sure to keep buildings secure. Be watchful for unauthorized entry into buildings or activity around them. Community-member vigilance in this regard is very helpful to reduce the likelihood of fire and criminal activity within our communities' vacant buildings.