



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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**Inspect.**



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**Smoke Alarms Save Lives.**

10-20-2015

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**Subject :** Structure Fire 232 Q Street, Eureka

**Contact :** Battalion Chief Chris Jelinek, 441-4013

At 2:53 PM on October 20, 2015, Humboldt Bay Fire responded to a reported structure fire at 232 Q Street. The first arriving battalion chief reported moderate smoke coming from a second floor apartment of a two-story apartment building. The first arriving apparatus quickly pulled a hose line and extinguished the fire (confined to the kitchen) while the second arriving engine initiated a search to look for any trapped occupants. Fortunately, all occupants were safely outside before fire units arrived. During the course of their search, firefighters located two cats and removed them from the residence. Additional units provided assistance with ventilation, salvage and removal of fire damaged contents. Damage was confined to one room, but the residence's common areas had smoke damage throughout.

No injuries were reported, damage estimate is \$15,000. 15 firefighters responded, the fire was extinguished in less than five minutes with crews remaining on scene for 45 minutes.

The cause and origin investigation shows the fire was caused by an unattended pot of cooking oil left heating on the stove top. Damage was

limited to the kitchen due in part to the occupant's use of two fire extinguishers to partially extinguish the fire.

Humboldt Bay Fire reminds all residents to ensure they have working smoke detectors in the living and sleeping areas of their houses and to have a fire exit plan.

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