



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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### Smoke Alarms Save Lives.

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**Subject :** Structure Fire 840 E Street

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On 5-08-15 at 0254 hours Humboldt Bay Fire responded with three engines, one ladder truck and two Chief Officers to a structure fire at 840 E Street. Upon arrival the first unit on scene reported fire on the exterior wall up to the roof.

The first unit made an exterior attack on the fire which was located at the base of the building, next arriving units forced doors and searched for occupants. The exterior attack then transitioned to an interior fire attack. The truck crew placed ground ladders and ascended the aerial ladder to cut ventilation holes in the roof to check for fire extension and to remove the siding. Subsequent arriving units shut off the utilities and used fans to remove smoke inhalation. The fire was quickly contained to the basement room and the walls to the roof. No injuries were reported.

HBF fire investigators determined the cause of the fire to be an exterior fire that burned into the basement. The fire is suspicious in origin and remains under investigation.

Humboldt Bay Fire recommends participation in a neighborhood watch program and to report suspicious persons or circumstances to local law enforcement.