## **Humboldt Bay Fire News Release**



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## **Smoke Alarms Save Lives**

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**Subject:** Structure Fire 2135 California Street, Eureka.

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At 0647 Wednesday morning, January 4, 2023, Humboldt Bay Fire units including 3 engines, a ladder truck, and two duty chiefs, were dispatched to a structure fire in a residential structure at 2135 California Street in Eureka.

The first arriving unit was quickly on scene and reported a working fire in a single-story vacant residence with earthquake damage from 2010. Due to the extensive existing damage to the building, the decision was made to conduct a defensive firefighting operation. The fire was quickly elevated to a second alarm. Fire control was achieved in 1 hour.

After approximately 5 hours, the fire was completely extinguished. In order to complete extinguishment and remove any remaining hazard presented by the residence, the building was torn down. The fire originated in the back section of the residence, and the cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.

Damage was estimated at \$200,000. There were no injuries to fire personnel on scene. Humboldt Bay Fire would like to thank its allied partners for their assistance during this incident. Samoa Fire District, Arcata Fire District, and Fortuna Fire Department helped to ensure the safety of the HBF community while our resources were committed. Additionally, we would like to thank PG&E, City of Eureka Code Enforcement, and City Ambulance.