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Subject: Structure Fire 4305 D Street, Eureka.

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At 0329 Wednesday morning, March 1st, 2023, Humboldt Bay Fire units including 3 engines, a ladder truck, and one duty chief, were dispatched to a structure fire in a residential structure at the 4300 block of D Street in Eureka. Prior to fire department arrival, law enforcement arrived and reported heavy fire involvement in the structure.

The first arriving unit was quickly on scene and reported a working fire in a single-story residence, and confirmed from residents that all occupants were out of the structure. With heavy smoke and fire coming from the garage, an offensive fire attack was initiated to immediately stop the fire spread from the garage to the residence. Medical care was provided to two residents who suffered smoke inhalation and skin burn injuries. The fire had spread into the garage attic and through the open front door of the house. The Incident Commander requested a second alarm for additional units to respond to the scene and for station coverage. Fire control was achieved in 30 minutes, with significant damage to the garage, and smoke damage throughout much of the house living area.

During the firefighting operations the powerline from the street to the house fell between the residence and the neighboring home, creating a significant life hazard. Firefighters were able to isolate the area and when PG&E arrived on scene they secured the electrical and gas utilities to the residence. Following fire control crews remained on scene for approximately two hours to complete overhaul operations required in the garage. Residents reported the fire originated in the garage, and the cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.

Damage to the structure was estimated at \$180,000. Both civilian injuries were transported by City Ambulance to Providence St. Joe Hospital, with one flown out of the

area to a burn center. Red Cross was contacted to provide accommodation support to the residents. 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 Blue Lake Fire Department helped to ensure the safety of the HBF community while our resources were committed. Additionally, we would like to thank EPD, HCSO, PG&E, and City Ambulance.

HBF reminds residents to install smoke alarms in utility, as well as living areas. Additionally, do not delay in calling 911 for an emergency as significant injuries and damage can occur with rapid fire spread.

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