



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Subject :**     **Structure Fire Consumes Outbuilding; Firefighters Save Ducks and Chickens.**

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March 4, 2021: The sound of crackling from below alerted a homeowner on the 2700 block of I street to a fire in his backyard, prompting him to call for help.

Humboldt Bay Fire initiated a full response and arrived at 10:46 a.m. to find smoke and flames billowing from a fully-involved shed-style outbuilding, threatening the nearby detached garage, home, and chicken coop. Growing morning winds had begun to push the fire toward the garage as crews attacked the fire.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, protecting the majority of the garage structure and its contents, and completely preventing spread of the fire to the home or chicken coop, saving the lives of the six chickens and two ducks trapped inside. The outbuilding was a complete loss, valued at approximately \$6,000.00

No civilians, firefighters, or animals were harmed in this fire. Fire personnel protected an estimated \$427,000 of property and contents.

After an initial investigation, the cause of the fire remains undetermined.

Humboldt Bay Fire would like to thank Eureka Police and Fire Dispatch, Eureka Police Department, and Humboldt Bay Fire Support Volunteers for their assistance with this incident.

*Reminder: Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks!*

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