



## Humboldt Bay Fire News Release

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### Smoke Alarms Save Lives

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**Subject:** Structure Fire 3206 Ingley Street, Eureka.

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At 1109am Friday April 21, 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 3206 Ingley Street in Eureka. Bystanders reported smoke coming from a second story bedroom window.

The first arriving unit was quickly on scene and reported a working fire in a two-story residence with light smoke coming from a second story window. Crews quickly deployed a hoseline to the second-floor bedroom and extinguished the fire within 10 minutes. The Incident Commander had requested a second alarm for a potential attic fire and for station coverage. Damage was limited to the bed in one bedroom, with heavy smoke damage throughout the rest of the second story. One occupant was home at the time and suffered smoke inhalation injuries when he attempted to extinguish the fire. Medical care was provided to City Ambulance who were staged on scene. He was briefly treated and refused transport. His pet dog was not injured in the fire, and the house was cleared of any other people or pets. The other residents of the house were not home at the time of the incident.

Following fire control crews remained on scene for approximately one hour to perform salvage operations needed on the first floor from water damage. Following an investigation, the cause of the fire was determined to be use of a flammable device on the bed that was accidental in nature, and was left unattended.

Damage to the structure was estimated at \$50,000. 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 and Arcata Fire District helped to

ensure the safety of the HBF community while our resources were committed. Additionally, we would like to thank PG&E, and City Ambulance for their assistance.

HBF reminds residents to keep close attendance of open flames in living spaces, and to call 911 before attempting self-extinguishment. Any delay in calling 911 for an emergency may create significant injuries and damage due to with rapid fire spread.

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